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authority social services department which received that one in six children, who were supposed to be in care in Britain could be missing and their files lost.

Mislaid files, lack of follow-up care, and children who have effectively "disappeared" are fisted in an independent report into Gloucestershing social services, leaked to the BBC. The investigation was cappeared are investigation and investigation was cappeared are investigation and investigation on the investigation of investigation of investigation on the investigation of investigation o similar all over the country. comm

## The disappeared of Middle England

Although Gloucestershire

The main police database on take immediate action in the missing persons is held at Scotland Yard. But other forces throughout in England and Wales, and in Scotland, cannot access Scotland Yard's list.

Social services and other statutory authorities must inform police of known missing persons. But officially reported people may only be the tip of Britain's "missing" iceberg. A Families wishing to avoid police involvement, can confidentially inform the National Missing Person Helpline (NMPH). The charity compiles the National Missing Persons Register, currently holding

14.000 names. Yesterday, both the NMPH and leading children's charities called on the Government to cial Services, said that although
he was concerned by the report's findings, he did not believe the situation in
Gloucestershire was repeated
across Britain. "I am disappointed if the files have vanished
but surprised if that mirrors the situation through the whole of

the country."

Liberal Democrat health spokesman Simon Hughes called on local authorities to reveal how many children in their care had gone missing.

"Just two weeks ago, an NSPCC inquiry set out the alarming level of abuse of young people throughout the country, he said. "Now there is evidence that there may be thousands of young people who leave care without anyone in authority knowing where they have

Gloucestershire county council and Gloucestershire police refused to comment on the draft report, saying they would wait until it was officially published next week. However, yesterday the council was considering postponing the

# Electronic tags for children

#### Crime Correspondent

Child criminals aged as young as ten will be placed under "house arrest" using electronic tags attached to their arms or legs, under controversial Government proposals to be announced later this month.

The measure, in which parents of juvenile offenders will also face fines if their children break their curfew orders, will be introduced as an amendment to the Crime Bill, The Inde*pendent* has learnt.

Labour and probation officers last night condemned the move as policy by stealth and argued that it was side-stepping proper parliamentary debate.

John Major first unveiled the proposals, which are aimed at teenage tearaways who vandatise and terrorise communities, at the Tory party conference in October, but there was no mention of the

scheme in the Queen's Speech. The use of electronic tags has already caused a furore after an eleaves home. inconclusive, and at times failing, 17-month trial involving

Under the amendment, it is understood that magistrates will be able to sentence juvenile offenders, aged from 10 to 16. to a curfew order enforced by an electronic monitoring device. Up to 50,000 young offenders could be eligible for the tags, although only a tiny proportion

would expect to be fitted. The new court order would be aimed at offences such as vandalising vehicles, spraying graffiti and smashing windows. Typically they would have to remain at home from 6pm to 6am.

Included in the order would be a "bind-over" condition on the child's parents or parent. If the young offender breached their curfew order or damaged their tag, the mother and or father would be liable for a fine, possibly up to £1,000. The young offenders would be sent back to court for a new sen-

Penal reformers argue that the type of teenager likely to receive the new punishment would already havê an unstable

#### QUICKLY

Zaire rescue fails France appeared yesterday to have failed in its bid to muster a multinational force to intervene in the border region of

**Manton victory** Teachers at Manton Junior School in Nottinghamshire will return to work after the mother of a 10-year-old boy who sparked a strike agreed to move him.

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family background and would be considered disruptive. They believe tags would worsen matters and youngsters will ignore

Tagging works by attaching an electronic transmitter bracelet to the ankle or wrist of the offender. It is worn at all times and triggers a warning signal to a monitoring centre via a tele-

It is understood that Home Office officials are still drawing up the details of the amendment and that ministers will argue that the measures were not included in the Crime Bill because they were not completed at the time of the Queen's Speech.

Harry Fletcher, assistant gen-tem." eral secretary of the Association of Probation Officers, said: For the last 60 years the focus of legislation has been on the liberty of the child. Tagging

turns the clock back. This mea-

sure is about the best interests

of the politicians – not young people.

"This is symptomatic of the whole approach to the Crime Bill. It's being rushed through Parliament with extra clauses added too late in the day to allow proper debate and discus-

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, believes - like his op-posite number, Jack Straw - that a strong clampdown on young offenders is a vote-winner.

He has already surprised MPs by announcing that proposals to "name and shame" young thugs, who at present remain anonymous in court cases, and to take away driving licences as a punishment for all kinds of offences will be added as amendments at the Crime

Bill's committee stage. In addition, a Private Member's Bill will seek to ban drinking in public by those under 18 years old. The Crime Bill already includes proposals to use electronic tags to monitor cur-few orders placed on persistent petty offenders, such as fine defaulters, aged 16 and over.

Labour argues that tagging can only be part of the solution to deal with young offenders. Jack Straw said: "It can only be a limited response to the crisis in the youth justice sys-

However Labour are unwilling to reveal whether they would back or oppose the amendment on juveniles, fearful of being labelled \*soft on

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## Roddick: My fury over dissident

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Anita Roddick, foundered the Body Shop, and the family of Ken Saro-Wiwa, the hanged Nigerian dissident, reacted with ern liberals who supported his fury and dismay yesterday to claims that he had supported violence and used oil profits to "feather his nest".

The controversy followed an essay by Richard D North, an environmental journalist, which said Mr Saro-Wiwa's past had been misrepresented by Westcampaign against the activities of Shell, the oil company.

Mrs Roddick said that Mr Saro-Wiwa had made the "ulrimate act of courage" in dying for his belief, that the survival

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The tribunal which tried and He said: "I am concerned the Niger delta.

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Nigerian military regime. "Ken," "judicial murder", by Michael died for what he believed in," Birabaum, a British OC present she said. "If he took a few dol- at a portion of the trial, and by

wake of the Gloucester fiasco to

establish an independent and

comprehensive missing persons

Mary Aspery, said: "Not all parents report missing persons to the police. If parents fear their

problem children may be in-

volved with the police, they of-

ten come to us. Some go to no one because it is the family that

Ian Sparks, chief executive of

The Children's Society, said: "A

comprehensive national missing

persons register is essential for

measuring the scale of the prob-

lem and determining what ser-

Bob Lewis, president of the

Association of Directors of So-

vices are offered."

is the source of the trouble."

Co-founder of the NMPH.

His son, Ken Wiwa, was furious at the suggestion in the article that his father had been the first anniversary of Mr Saro-Wiwa's execution by the Niger-

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#### Dangerous prisoner flees at supermarket and cars film

A dangerous prisoner was on the run last night after giving guards the slip during a stop at a supermarket to use the lavatory.
Police warned the public

not to approach Hugh MacFarlen, 25, who disappeared from Asda in High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire.

He was being taken from Bullingdon Prison, Oxfordshire, to Isleworth Crown Court in London, where he was due to appear for breach of a probation

MacFarlen was being transported by Premier Prison Services, a company based in Bracknell. Berkshire, which was unable to comment. A police spokesman said: "An extensive search has been

#### Jailed mother will appeal

Ruth Neave, cleared last week of murdering her son Rikki, six, is to appeal against her seven-year jail sentence for child cruelty and other offences.

Het lawyers believe that the sentence was too long and that the judge at Northampton Crown Court. Mr Justice Popplewell, had not taken sufficient account of the trauma Neave, 28, had suffered as the result of her

#### 10,000 hours wasted on Bill

The Government wasted nearly 10,000 hours of civil servants' time this year preparing a Bill to stop big companies cutting prices to force competitors out of business, which was dropped from the Queen's Speech, a minister admitted.

The measures in the Bill. which could have curbed Rupert Murdoch's ability to exploit his domination of the newspaper and new television markets, have been promised by the Government since 1988.

This year alone, the civil service devoted 1.4 personyears to drawing up a consultation document in March, and a further 3.2 person-years to a draft Bill in August, John Taylor, trade and industry minister, told Kim Howells, a Labour spokesman. John Rentoul

#### JG Ballard defends sex

The controversial film Crash was defended by the novelist JG Ballard, on whose book

it is based, and by the director, David Cronenberg. A stylised portrayal of car accidents as erotic, it is to be distributed in Britain by Columbia TriStar if passed for viewing.

Mr Cronenberg defended the film as a "metaphor". Mr Ballard said: "In many ways the film goes even further than the book I wrote. If you read the book there is clearly an attempt going on to justify the extraordinary events being described."

David Lister

#### 'Fitness' issue on war crimes

A jury may be asked to decide whether an 85-yearold man accused in Britain's first war crimes trial is fit to plead when he appears at the Old Bailey next year.

Mr Justice Potts decided to hold two preliminary hearings before Szymon Serafinowicz stands trial on 22 January.

Defence lawyers are expected to urge at the first that the case be thrown out under an abuse of process argument. That is set provisionally for next month Serafinowicz's fitness to plead will be decided at the second. The retired carpenter from Banstead, Surrey, who was in court yesterday, faces three , charges of murdering lews between 1941 and 1942 in

#### Father of eight spurns home

eight children is refusing to move his family back into a house the local council has pepared for them by making two properties into one, because it has only one garden. Philip Smith, 41, already has a quarter of an acre garden in Upton Scudamore, near Warminster, Wiltshire. The conversion

#### Pedal power

The mayor of Walsall has replaced his Daimler Sovereignwith a bicycle, to save money. Richard Worrall's white bicycle now sports a red mayoral pendant.

## Ashdown reveals the big hole : at the heart of British politics

Burning issues: But the 'politics of quietude' prefers to

Britain's missing 2 million voters

Political Correspondent

The big issues of modern poli-tics are being "ducked" in the run-up to the election, spelling disaster for a Labour government if Tony Blair wins, Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, warned last night.

Citing green issues above all as the challenge being side-stepped, Mr Ashdown launched a blistering attack on the "politics of quietude". He told a rally in London: "In the battle of the spin doctors and soundbites, the really big issues aren't being debated. That, we are told, is the way it must be. It's the only way to win elections. "Hasn't Bill Clinton's victory proved it? No tough messages

please. Puff small things up into big ones and ignore the really oig ones altogether." In a pointed reference to Mr

Blair's drive to appeal to the Tory-voting middle class, he described the lesson Labour seemed to learn from America "Don't frighten the horses - above all, don't frighten the middle classes." He came close to admitting

that Mr Blair would win, with another dig at Labour's close links with President Clinton's twice-victorious campaign team. "The politics of quietude may prove - it has proved for President Clinton and Labour hopes it will prove for Tony Blair - a winning strategy for the election. But I cannot think of a worse

strategy for a successful gov-

Parliament is sinking fast, warns Lord Nolan

avoid real controversy for fear of frightening the voters ernment after the election," he He said Britain was "sleep-

walking into the next century,

and into disasters which are in-

evitable if we will not face up

to what is ahead".

Blair's strategy is a significant marker of the distance still remaining between the Liberal Democrats and Labour after a series of recent instances of the two parties working together.

The fierce criticism of Mr

Last week, they set up a joint committee at shadow cabinet level to work on a common programme of constitutional reform, while this week home affairs spokesmen Jack Straw and Alex Carlile jointly presented plans to ban combat

knives to the Home Office. But in his speech to a Real World rally, organised by a coalition of green, anti-pover-ty and global social justice groups, Mr Ashdown said: Someone said to me recently: The real problem about our politics today is that there are no really big issues to confront us'. Nonsense. Indeed, exactly

the opposite is the truth ... The tragedy of politics today isn't that the issues are small. cause the ideas are small, the politicians are getting smaller

He went on: "The deterio-

ration of the global environment is the most serious and difficult practical and real challenge that faces humankind today. He called for government acout nuclear power, boost re-

tion to conserve energy, phase newable sources of energy and charge drivers for polluting city roads. And he repeated his cull for taxes to be shifted "away from things we want more of like jobs - on to the things we want less of, like pollution". Labour politicians have con-

sidered advocating a pollution tax but have rejected it as too The issues are huge. It's the risky before an election.

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### Blair on Major's home ground

John Rentoul Political Correspondent

Tony Blair laid claim to John Major's home turf last night, speaking to young people in the district once represented by the Prime Minister as a Lambeth councillor in Brixton, south London.

While the Labour leader's aides cast doubt on the authenticity of Mr Major's claim to humble origins, Mr Blair asserted Labour's right to speak for the deprived inner cities.

He said his mainly black and young audience would have the same question as any other audience. "What difference will Labour make to me and to my community?" And his answer would also be the same: "Young people in Brixton want the same as young people anywhere else - a role in life, a good education, the chance of a job, a life free of crime, and a decent standard of living for themselves and their families.

The Labour leader told his audience he wanted the alienated youth of the inner cities to re-engage in the democratic life of the nation.

He accused the Tories of wanting to breed cynicism and apathy, and drew attention to The Independent's report this week that two million people, mostly in the inner cities, are not registered to vote, and urged his audience to vote for anyone. "I



would rather someone voted Tory than not at all." he said. He invoked the example of President Mandela. "If there is anyone who can teach us the value of having a vote it is Nelson Mandela, who fought all his life to bring democracy to his country," he said.

Earlier, writing in the London Evening Standard, he signalled

that he thought a directly-elected Mayor of London was more important than a new slimline GLC to reviving interest in voting. "We must improve the quality of our democracy. That is why I am so keen on the idea of elected mayors, and an elect-

ed authority for London." Mr Blair was invited to a question-and-answer session by

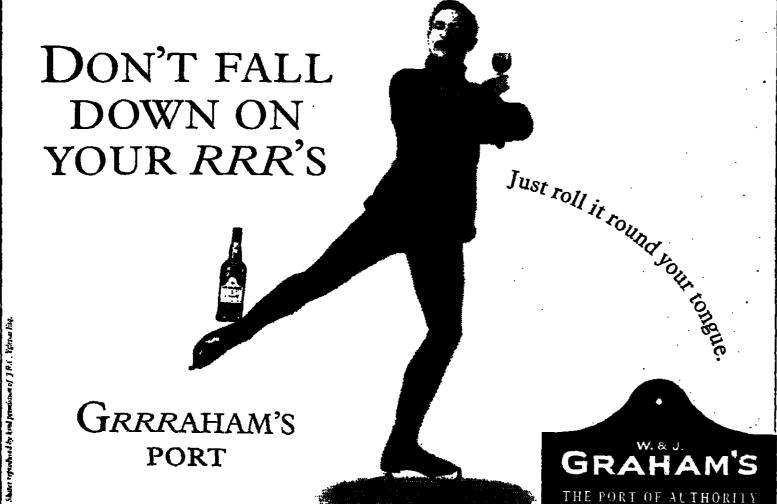
the Stockwell Park Estate Community Trust, and said he had been "delighted" to accept the challenge. He said a similar invitation to the Prime Minister had been turned down.

Although Mr Major was at the Anglo-French summit yesterday, the invitation was for a debate at any time. A spokesman for Tory Cen-

tral Office vesterday dismissed suggestions that Mr Major was reluctant to stage a face-to-face dehate with Mr Blair, "You only have to look at the record of Labour in Lambeth to know why Mr Major is a Conservative, and to know why Labour polipeople there," he said.

Mr Major reminded the Tory

conference in Bournemouth last year of his early years in Brixton, immortalised in the political broadcast. The Journey before the last election, in which he murmured "It's still there, it's still there", as he drove past the small flat to which his family had been forced to move from leafy Worcester Park by the failure of



## College staff unite to strike over pay

Labour Editor

More than 220 colleges and universities throughout Britain face an unprecedented 24-hour pay strike by 100,000 employees with the threat of worse dis-

Leaders of a whole range of employees from professors to porters yesterday announced a vote in favour of industrial action which will begin with a day-long stoppage on 19 November and continue with indefinite action short of strikes to "gum up the works".

More walkouts are possible and academics at the older universities are considering a plan to disrupt examinations if management refuses to improve its proposals on pay. Union leaders yesterday said

the vote - in protest at a 1.5 per cent offer for most staff and 2.5 was the first time in British academic history that all employees in higher education had opted to strike on the same issue at the same time.

The aim on 19 November is to shut down the whole sector, although turnout in the ballots

favour of strikes varied between 52 per cent and 76 per

Employees' leaders, who have won the support of the Na-tional Union of Students, are to mount picket lines on the strike day and expect that some non-union staff will refuse to

John Akker, general secretary of lecturers' union NATFHE, whose membership is concentrated at the new universities and colleges of further education, said the campaign was aimed at securing a reasonable new offer from management rather than disrupting

sérvices to students. The unions say that pay of employees in the sector varies from an average £7,504 among manual workers, £12,655 for per cent for manual workers - white-collar staff and more than £26,000 a year for top academics. The salaries of senior dons had been tied to high grade civil servants and MPs, but the Whitehall mandarins

were now paid £39,000 a year and parliamentarians £43,000.

varied from 38 per cent to 70 per stitutions were paid around cent among the eight organisa- £15,000 a year and researchers tions involved The polls in at the newer establishments earned just £9,000.

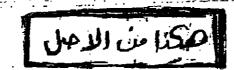
Elaine Harrison, head of public service union Unison. said the offer meant only 10p an hour to her members. "The ballot result sends out

members are angry with this derisory and unfair offer. They are sick of bearing the brunt of government cutbacks." Chris Kanfman of the Transport and General Workers' Union, said that attempts by some institutions to table local

a clear message that Unison

offers had been rejected by the unions because they were intent on preserving national pay bar-gaining. However, such gestures showed there was more money in the system.

Stephen Rouse, chief executive of the Universities and Colleges Employers' Association, said management under stood the feelings of staff, but did not have the funds to reward the "magnificent" contribution they had made in increasing productivity. He said there had been a cut in government funding of 2.1 per



## Vigils in memory of executed dissident

This weekend, the thoughts of Western liberals will be fo- Richard D North, an environcused on Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Nigerian dissident who was ex-

In Dublin Sinead O'Connor is giving a concert in his memin London, and every petrol station in Slovakia will be subjected

is giving a concert in his memory, silent vigils will take place lished by The Independent yes-

The anger of Saro-Wiwa's exploration by Shell in the jected yesterday by Ledum Misupporters has been fuelled by Niger delta as a useful route a controversial essay written by to faine and wealth."

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Richard D North, an environmental journalist, who accused for fire Sinviyal of the Ogoni the activist of supporting without. People (Mosop), which Mr protest and feathering in out. Sato Wina founded, had an nest with oil profits.

In Mr North's essay, pubtio was followers lished by The Independent yestighted not support its accused of using the campaign of the Ogoni people to stop oil The accusation was flatly re-

activists, including Mr Saro-Wiwa, were convicted and

for more than a year.

Mr Mitee said he was "terri-

Mr Mitee defended himself

before the Nigerian military-ap-

pointed tribunal and was ac-

quitted. Nine other Ogoni

"The suggestion that he tried to feather his nest is completely not true. All the while of his public life he did not have any property in Nigeria or any-

"It was not until later in life when he left the government and went into trade that he was able to make decent money with

was a very highly-principled person who hated the whole idea of corruption in public and

private life. He has demon-

strated that in his plays. "The importance of this veekend is to draw attention to the sacrifice that Ken and the others have made and to ensure that actions are taken so that they did not die in vain."

Shop launched a global weekend of protest in support of the continued struggle of the Ogoni people.

Campaigners are concerned for the safety of 19 Ogoni activists being held in jail in Nigeria. Yesterday it was revealed that relatives of Mr Saro-Wiwa and John Kpuinen, an Ogoni youth leader who was hanged with him, had filed a federal law-The controversy over Mr

suit in New York against Roy-al Dutch Petroleum and Shell Transport and Trading.

The lawsuit alleges that the oil companies played a role in the detention and subsequent hanging of the two men.

A Shell spokesman denied that the company had caused environmental harm but said that the company was now looking for "reconciliation" with the Ogoni people.

## Why I can't agree with this tainted account of my father's life

#### Ken Wiwa

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I have three main complaints about Richard D North's article in yesterday's Independent. They are serious enough for me to demand a substantial retraction or seek legal action if I am not satisfied that my father's reputation is not stained by unfounded allegations contained in the piece. The main thrust of my grievance is as follows: Mr North alludes to the

"large house in Surrey" owned by my late father. The definition of large here is highly contentious, and a simple check on the location, value - at time of purchase and current - will only lead your readers to the conclusion that not many, if any, residents of the area could afford to send a child to Eton.

The implication is that my father was very wealthy, but by Nigerian and British standards and the evidence supplied in your piece, he was not. Rather. he falls into the sector of population who invest their hardearned fortune in their children's firture, not on ostenia-

that Within Nigeria he is wide - one to inspect. He has nothing ly believed to have feathered his to fear on that score. Delta oil port of Bonny during the civil war. It would certainly explain his sudden afflüence at that time if he was a crock, it is no more than Nigerians expect of each other.

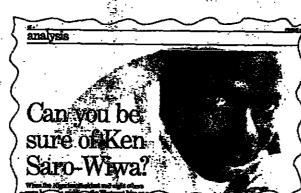
pect of each once.

Widely believed by whom?" dence to back the "in

As a journalist, I am shocked "somunder" charge. that such a crucial part underlying the central theme of Mr North's article is not backed by any statement in fact.

For argument's sake, let me put my father's side of the stoty to you; after the civil war, he worked in the River State government before resigning to go into business in 1973. We continued to live in the spacious former colonial house that came with his government post even after he left office; he rented the property from the government. In 1977, four years after leaving government, having achieved success in his trading business - fuelled by the buoyant economy after the hike in oil prices - my father bought

checked his version of events by a meanness of thought



picking up the phone and call-ing me at *The Guardian*. Or he would have done even better by reading any one of my father's 50 books, where he expounds at considerable length, and at personal cost, on the lack of financial probity in Nigeria. And in this he was forever answering the suspicion of journalists like Mr North by challenging anyone who asked to lay their accounts side-by-side with him

and establishing who was the more honest man. I challenge Mr Night to do the same. My father's financial Second Mr North asserts affairs are still there for every-

> quote accusing "Ken of incite-ment to murder". It is amazing that Mr North does not point out that the tribunal which "tried and sentenced" my father and the others found no evidence to back the "incitement



Mr North could easily have Ken Wiwa: 'North displays

This is the same tribunal which was condemned universally - by John Major as "judi-cial murder", by Michael murder", by Michael Birnbaum, a British barrister present at a portion of the trial, and by a UN investigation into the case.

Pernaps Donu Kogbara. The Independent and Mr North should read the judges' final summing-up in the flawed case. They might find their com-ments at best ignorant.

Finally, on a more philosophical note, I resent the spin put on the piece.

Surely, as the title of your paper suggests, journalists are in-structed to form an opinion terested parties. Yet Mr North flew in Shell helicopters and was shown around by the company.

For an independent assessment of Shell's record in Delta, he might, in passing, have men-tioned Shell's own environmentalist, Bopp Van Sessel, who resigned in protest at the company's record in the region. Is this piece fact or Shell's ver-

sion of events? Why do you not make this distinction clear? By the methods which Mr North employs to inform your readers, I am sure he could no doubt find a conflicting view of life at The Ridings School, Ultimately, by trying to taint my father with the same brush

as the sp-called "leaders" who have redficed one of the world's largest oil-producing countries to one of the poorest in the world. Mr North displays a meanness of thought of the worst kind

There are many well-meaning people in Nigeria, those who work hard to try to alleviate the spiritedness in the society. As



my father once said about Nige ria, "the only wrong-doers are those who do no wrong".

It is sad that Mr North cannot recognise the spirit of a man. Yes, my father was no saint. That much I have admitted in many interviews.

Perhaps your readers would be more likely to believe this coming from his son than from the daughter of a man who is a sworn enemy of my father?
(But if you believe a man's private life is any indication of his contribution to a society, then at least in your piece you may want to balance Shell's claims by looking into the private morals of former and current

Shell executives.) Finally, my father could hardly be described as "poshly spoken." He spoke with a heavy Nigerian accent, as anyone who knew him or who has heard his comments on Channel 4 doormentaries might attest.

entaries might attest.
It is a small point, but to the blatant testimony to the blatant bias of Mr North's article.

# WHILL COES take to keep Vo



### **Britons killed** in Nigeria airline crash

At least five Britons were killed when a Nigerian airliner crashed only minutes before it was due to land, it was con-

firmed last night.
The British High Commission in the Nigerian capital Lagos said that five British men were among the 141 people who died when the Boeing 727 came down at about 5pm on Thursday as it was nearing Lagos on an internal flight from the oil city of Port Harcourt.

Commission spokesman John Watam said: "We definitely have five British men confirmed as passengers, but we are trying to get more information on reports there may be a sixth. We understand that the plane crashed about 60 miles from Lagos and part of it has been seen in a large lagoon. The terrain in the area is

making it very difficult for rescue teams to reach the crash site and recover bodies and debris. We do not know which part of the aircraft is in the water or if any bodies have been recovered. I understand that it is only really accessible by boat.

the scene and are desperately trying to find out as much in-formation as we can about what

has happened."
Flight ADC086, operated by Aviation Development Company, had 132 passengers and nine crew on board. Nigerian aviation officials have confirmed there were no survivors.

It has emerged that one of the Britons involved was an English employee of Wireline and Testing, a division of oil ser-vices giant Schlumberger. A Schlumberger spokesman in Aberdeen said the man's family were being informed and no details were being released.

Two employees of Londonbased oil company Haliburton - thought to be an American and a Dutch man - were also on board, but a company spokesman said it had no reports of any Britons being involved.

There are several large oil companies in Port Harcourt, and the flight between the city and Lagos is generally used only by people working in the industry. Nigeria's aviation minister is at the crash scene and a top-lev-We have consular officials at el inquiry has been launched.

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## He harasses me on the phone, sends me goods I don't want, but the police can't do anything

Every time Fiona Watts hears a knock on the door her palms start sweating and she nanics. Will it be a taxi? Or a pizza? Or perhaps it will just be the postman, with more junk mail bear-

Either of those things might seem trivial by itself, but Ms Watts has been stalked "by third party" for three years, in a campaign comprising hun-dreds of nuisance telephone calls, unwanted taxi and takeaway orders, junk mail and having her number published in small advertisements.

"I've kept thinking that at some point he'll get bored, but now he seems to be getting worse. It's affected my job and everything - and he's totally within the law," Ms Watts said. Despite the distress and in-

convenience she has suffered, under existing law, Ms Watts is powerless to do anything about it. And according to Labour's spokeswoman on women's issues, Janet Anderson, whose own anti-stalking Bill was blocked last year, the Government's proposed legislation will enable such forms of harassment to continue.

Ms Watts, an educational programme organiser from Manchester, claims she has suffered the "third-party" harass-ment since 1993, when she and a flatmate fell out with the man, who cannot be named for legal reasons. At first, she says,

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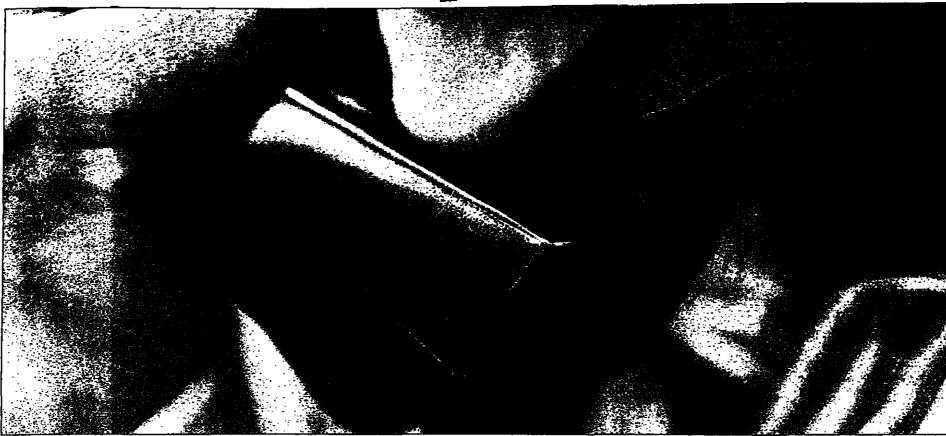
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been called out for nothing. Then unordered taxis began

They take it out on me. I get a tirade of abuse sometimes. I've now got a code with the local Sometimes restaurants called

taxi firms but he's using ones further afield. I can't warn every most of the time. Ms Watts said. single taxi firm," Ms Watts said. she was again left arguing at the Along with the taxis came the

As the telephone calls con-

back to check the order, but BT's nuisance call bureau. Unfortunately for Ms Watts, her caller rended to call from multi-extension company lines, often operated by non-BT companies, making the calls difficult to trace. The caller, she

> and has moved companies sev-The various forms of harassnent continued until this year.

claims, also worked casually,

Then last month Ms Watts' number began appearing in a classified advertisement in the Manchester Evening News, offering a room for rent. The bill, in her flatmate's name, was sent to her address.

The newspaper pulled the advertisement when it became

But a spokeswoman said that the sheer weight of advertisements meant that they were often impossible to check out. It has now logged Ms Watts' telephone number to prevent it

appearing again.
Ms Watts latest ordeal has been junk mail. Her harasser fills out coupons in newspapers and she has been receiving "heaps" of junk mail from roof tilers, mobile phone companies, but most usually concerning life insurance.

'If we don't answer them often the company will follow up with phone calls - this means he gets other people to do the harassing for him. But we haven't

Ms Watts is now hoping that the cariginal coupons, many of which have been sent to her, will provide the breakthrough she needs. But she believes the unwanted attention is not taken seriously by police as it is Jories tangle attack

not conventional stalking.

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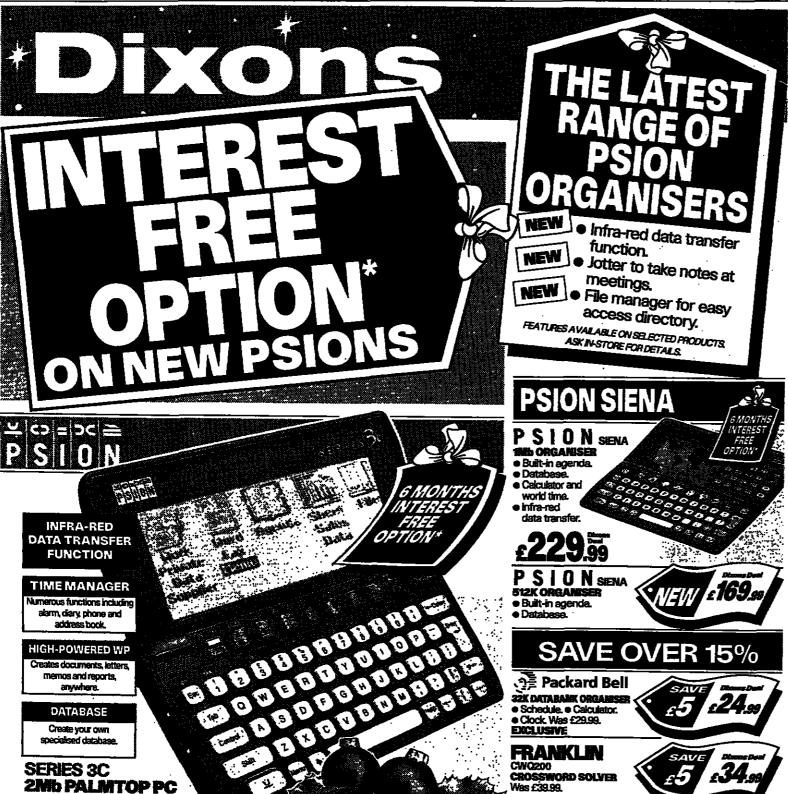
very much. The posties are delivering stuff that won't fit through the door. When there are knocks on the door my heart sinks, when the phone goes, when taxes pull up outside my paims start sweating and I panic. My sleeping pattern is a complete disaster

According to Ms Anderson the Government's proposed lation appears to contain no definition of stalking, which leaves victims like Ms Watts no remedy apart from expensive in-

Her original anti-stalking Bill drawn up with the aid of anti-harassment lawvers contained a catch-all definition which would have made the unwanted attention illegal. It specified someone who unwarranted or unsolicited material at a place where another person lives, works or regularvisits" and acts which are likely to cause that other person to feel harassed".

"The Government said at that time that he thought the definition was too wide ... but as this case shows, any anti-stalking definition has to be fairly wide," Ms Anderson said yesterday. She added that as with Ms Watts' case, the burden of proof fell too heavily on stalk-

A spokeswoman for law firm Lawson-Cruttenden, which specialises in harassment cases, said there were many similar cases that were likely to slip through the legislative net. It helped draw up Labour's Bill and had proposed a definition which it believed was workable. "We're very keen to get this sortchanged our number because ed as at the moment because there would be no point and I people are suffering," she said.







## Gazza gets the boot in playground poll

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The football star Paul Gascoigne received the biggest snub of his chequered career vesterday - from a bunch of junior schoolchildren.

nine-year-old Aaron Young, who conducted a playground survey to decide if Gascoigne should play for England in to-day's World Cup qualifier with

The blow was delivered by

Gascoigne had been Aaron's favourite England player but the school goalie was so angry about the allegations that he had beaten up his wife, Sheryl, that he decided to canvass the views of classmates during playtime to see if they thought the star should be dropped.

The schoolboy then bor-rowed his mother's computer to type out his findings and preented a report on the survey to his class teacher, Christine

The results showed that 68 per cent of the children Aaron interviewed at Harvington Church of England First School, near Evesham, Worcester, believed Gascoigne should have been dropped from Glenn Hoddle's England squad.

The other 32 per cent were in favour of the Glasgow Rangers star keeping his place. I did like Gazza before this but leged assault on his wife, that adults could do well to take note put me off," said Aaron, who of their views. Here is a child supports Aston Villa. I felt very who is saying this man used to strongly that Gazza should not be my idol but not any more. play for England and I wanted to find out what the other children thought.

"I went around the play-ground asking people and taking notes. I was quite surprised by the results, because I thought Gazza would get more sup-port. I think Gazza has lost a fot of fans over this this."

Altogether Aaron quizzed 25 people at the school. Among them were three teachers - the deputy head, Stephen Wilkes, was the only staff member weighing in with support for

All five females questioned by Aaron - including two teachers - agreed that Gascoigne should have been dropped.

The headmistress, Marcia
Palmer, said: "The staff didn't

put any personal oars in here -Aaron did this purely off his own bat. "Aaron has what I call a true

sportsman's attitude - he is very positive and caring to other people and this is the kind of thing Aaron would feel quite strongly about.

"People need to realise that children do have moral values. Often we under-estimate their ability to know what is right and

of their views. Here is a child

"It would be interesting if Gazza was to read Aaron's report, because being condemned by a group of nine-year-olds might shock the young man. Thank goodness there are chil-dren like Aaron who understand that kind of behaviour is

"But for every Aaron there are many boys who have Gaz-za as their hero and therefore consider this behaviour acceptable. Stars like Gazza have a moral responsibility and the chap has got to grow up.
"I feel sorry for him, because

it's sad and I would certainly want to give him another chance but I don't think I would have picked him this

Aaron's mother, Lyn Young, of Rushford, near Evesham. said: "We had been talking about this matter as a family and Aaron was disgusted that Gazza was included in the squad even though his problem hurt someone else.

"He has always been a great admirer of Gazza's play. But all Aaron's friends are keen football fans and he was conscious it was a bad example to set." England in Georgia, page 30



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## Tories in a tangle over attack on red tape

Political Correspondent

The Government's drive to cut red tape has run into the sand as each attempt to lift minor regulations turns into a tangle of new complications.

A report from MPs pub-lished this week on the three latest measures reveals they are a far cry from "the biggest bonfire of controls in modern times" promised by Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, two years ago. The measures have been ap-

proved by MPs on the grounds that they "will reduce a burden", but the small print of their report reveals a different pic-

The Government's plan to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to work in pubs "would create several more criminal offences", the report admits. A plan to cut the work of weights and measures inspectors has run into opposition from glassware makers who say it will cost jobs, and may fall foul of European Union law. And a plan to reduce the paperwork required for marriage "is unlikely to produce significant practical

benefits", the MPs conclude. Labour members of the powerful cross-party Deregulation Select Committee, set up last year to scrutinise the campaign against red tape, describe the drive as "a real case of the Government making paperwork for

The promise to "simplify rules and regulations" was one of the central claims of the 1992 Conservative election manifesto. The Prime Minister appointed Mr Heseltine to drive it through and last year he said: "I have made a commitment that we will make one deregulatory change every week."

The plan to let 16- and 17year-olds on approved apprenticeship schemes work in bare is a particularly strange example of "deregulation", as it requires a whole new tast of rules to protect under-age apprentices from exposure to alcohol and to "shield them from situations where customers may become violent and abusive'

If this were not complex enough, the MPs recommend that the order "be amended to provide that apprentices should not be employed in the bar area after 11.30pm".

Next, the committee was un-

able to find out whether the plan to let manufacturers verify their own weighing and measuring equipment subject to spot checks was compatible with the European technical standards

that a different regime in the UK would be a barrier to trade in the European Union, and a glassware makers complained that it would have the unintended effect of costing more and putting its employees out of work.

The third measure, to "extend the validity of the civil notice of marriage from three to 12 months" also ran into trouble when Registrars complained that it would lead to wasted time and money as more couples failed to turn up for marriages which had been booked so long

The future of the deregulation initiative is equally smallscale. The Government is still consulting interested parties on "reducing licensing requirements for skin piercing and "allowing cycle races on bri-

Meanwhile, 18 other mea-Since April 1995 only 22 sures have completed consulacted, producing a total annu- government decisions.



## Carey ducks in clash over gay service

Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, yesterday tried to calm the growing row over a leshian and gay service of thanksgiving to be held in Southwark cathedral next Saturday by distancing himself from the proposed event, while defending the right of the orgamisers to worship. The decision to allow the Les-

bian and Gay Christian Move-ment (LGCM) to use the cathedral to celebrate their 20th anniversary had been noth-ing to do with him. "It list quite ter of Southwark cathedral," he

"This was not a decision taken by bishops individually or collectively and it does not reflect any change in the position outlined in the House of Bishops' statement on issues in human sexuality in 1991." The statement he referred to

suggested that homosexual relationships among the laity were sometimes acceptable, but never among the clergy. It has then as an illogical and unsustainable compromise by both "the House of Bishops is not about to change the position outlined in that statement ... To make a church or cathedral available to Christian people for worship and prayer, or to

endorsement of whatever the congregation wants," Dr Carey's statement continued. This is believed to be a reference by the decision of the Bishop of Guildford, Dr John Gladwyn, to preach at the service, which will also be attended by an American bishop, the Rt Rev Walter Righter, who was

preach at such a gathering, cannot properly be taken as an

after he ordained a practising homosexual priest. The Diocese of Southwark,

which covers London south of the Thames, has been riven by the decision to hold the service. Evangelicals collected nearly 100 clergy signature for a peti-tion against the festival, which they describe as "a celebration of 20 years of gay sex"; sup-porters collected slightly more. Some of the largest evangelical parishes are planning to

withhold funds from the diocese in protest. One is planning to break off all relations with the Bishop of Southwark, the Rt of the Bishop of Fulham, the Rt Rev John Broadhurst.

Dr Carey said he disagreed with "some of the aims of the LGCM ... For example, the bishops cannot regard homosexual practice as on a par with heterosexual practice within marriage". But he refused to ex-clude them from the Church: they are, he said, "Christian people loved by God who are our brothers and sisters in Christ." To allow them to worship was, he said, "A mark of recognition that followers of Christ should cherish all that they have in common, notwith-Dr Carey said yesterday that ican church court of heresy place itself under the protection opinion on particular issues."



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## Australia bans Gerry Adams over IRA links

A political storm broke in Australia yesterday after the federal government announced that it was banning Gerry Adams, the president of Sinn Fein, and David Irving, the right-wing British historian, from visiting the country because both men were not of good character.

It was the third time that Mr Irving has been refused a visa to enter Australia, where he had planned a speaking tour to pro-mote his controversial view that the Holocaust never happened. But it was the exclusion of Mr Adams, on what was to have been his first Australian visit to promote his biography, that caused the greater outcry, par-

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speech, and accused the conservative Liberal-National coalition government, led by John

Ruddock, the immigration minister, said that they had failed a may or may not have occurred. test of good character under Australia's Immigration Act. Mr Ruddock cited Mr Irving's 1992 conviction in Germany for dehis deportation from Canada in 1992 and from Germany in 1993 and his 1994 jail sentence in Britain. Taken together, they reveal a consistent pattern of behaviour that led me to believe that Mr Irving is not a person of

good character," he said. Leaders of Australia's Jewish community welcomed the ban, and said it would have been "catastrophic" to let Mr Irving in at a time when Australians were already involved in a fiery debate on racial issues involving Asian immigration and aborigines.
As for Mr Adams, Mr Rud-

dock said that he continued to

ticularly among Australians of Irish descent. Civil liberties sional IRA, an organisation that "conducted criminal teaban as a violation of free rorist acts and bombings", and that the immigration Act allowed him to refuse visa apple. cations to people who went members of criminal organisitions. Asked if Canberra had Howard, of caving in to pressure from the British government.

Announcing his decision to been lobbled by the British government, been lobbled by the British government, Mr Ruddock said. \*I. am not able to exminent on what

The ban on Mr Adams took many people by surprise. Mr Howard has made much of the fact that his government wants faming the memory of the dead. to promote a new climate of free speech. That, togother with Mr Adams' recent visit to the White-House, had led to a belief that the Sinn Fein leader would be allowed entry. But Mr Howard is one of Australia's most conservative political leaders who would be inclined instructively to:

support the British government. Mr Irving accused Australia of acting illegally and said he was consulting his solicitor. Dodie McGuinness, of Sinn

Fein's national executive, issued a statement saying: "At this point in the search for a restored peace process ... this decision is most unhelpful."

### Gas prices cut for 18 million

British Gas yesterday agreed to still supplies most domestic make price cuts to its 18 million customers with their gas, the domestic customers after pressure from the regulator, Ofgas.

Households will see their annual bills falling by an average of £7 next year, with a fur-ther cut averaging 4 per cent each year until 2000.

Ofgas welcomed the move but British Gas said the controls

The average domestic cus-tomer pays £325 annually for gas and a 4 per cent cut would mean tory consultation period. on domestic prices covering

the next three years.
Ofgas said: With competition in the domestic gas supply being introduced throughout Great Britain by the end of 1988, the new control will pro- and PrePayment tariffs. tect-customers while allowing British Gas the flexibility to introduce new tariffs to compete

with rival companies." said: "This is good news for cus-

new control will offer all customers a regulated tariff which will ensure their gas bills go down. We have also given British Gas the freedom to bring in additional tariffs."

Deputy chairman of British Gas, Philip Rogerson, said: "Although we still believe the proposals are tough, we expect to accept them as long as they are unchanged following the statu-

a saving of £13. The outstane be to The new controls affect the thig madein of the controls are between Ofgas and British Gas for supply. Further controls are proposed for transport costs, which are subject to an inquiry by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

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Competition in the gas supply market began in April this year when half a million customers in the West Country Clare Spottiswoode, Ofgas's were given a choice of supplidirector general of gas supply, er. A further 1.5 million customers in Kent, Sussex, Dorset tomers and good news for and Avon will be allowed to British Gas. While British Gas choose from February.

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## School reopens as boy's mother gives up fight

Education Correspondent

Teachers at Manton Junior School in Nottinghamshire will return to work on Monday after the mother of a 10-yearold boy who sparked a strike agreed to move him.

Pamela Cliffe, whose son Matthew Wilson was alleged to have been violent and disruptive, bowed to pressure after the county council announced it was prepared to act outside its powers to remove him if necessary.

The school was closed last week after its governors decided to stop paying for a sup-ply teacher to look after the

boy. Teachers at the school had voted to strike rather than to teach him after governors at the school overturned the head's decision to exclude him. His mother was adamant that he should return and had

review of the case. However, her solicitor, Stephen Williams, said yesterday that she was not prepared to see the school remain

said she would seek a judicial

"battle weary" after nearly two months of dispute."She feels that no one else seems to have the interests of the children at heart, certainly not the unions or the teachers," He

"She feels she has gone as far as she can and is now, rehictantly, going to take him out of the school and make arrangements for him to be transferred elsewhere."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers, welcomed the decision. "It will be better for the

youngster in the long-run. Again, more has been achieved by NASUWT action than all the pious mouthings of politicians about morality, he said. The head teacher, Bill Skelly, shut the school last week on the grounds that he could not guarantee all his pupils' safety, but a staff strike started straight afterwards.

Yesterday he said he hoped the school could return to media will respect the right of our pupils to restart their education without the glare of

Doug McAvoy, general sec-retary of the National Union of Teachers, which represents Mr Skelley, said it was appal-ing that the dispute had taken so long to resolve. It first blew up in July, but governors decided to pay for a supply teacher to keep Matthew out

'Had the head teacher's judgement prevailed earlier, pupils at Manton school would not have had their education disrupted. Matthew would have had his own educational needs met and the adverse publicity would have been avoided," Mr McAvoy said.

Fred Riddell, chairman of Nottinghamshire education authority, had written to the Secretary of State for Educa-tion, Gillian Shephard, asking for her backing if the boy was removed from the school.

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### Running a slate: to raise the roof

Stephen Goodwin Heritage Correspondent

Small-scale quarrying is to be encouraged in some of Eng-land's loveliest landscapes to provide stone slates for traditional roofs.

A shortage of the heavy gritstone slate used in the south Pennines has prompted a 'Roofs of England' campaign, to be launched at the National Stone Centre at Wirksworth in Derbyshire next Wednesday.

Based on a year of research by English Heritage, Derbyshire County Council and the Peak District National Park, the aim is to revive slate production from hand-worked quarries. The park faces a dilemma

over the slate shortage. It is generally opposed to quarrying large-scale limestone extraction has left massive scars - yet it insists on traditional materi-

Barns and isolated buildings in the Peak District and elsewhere in the Pennines have been robbed of their roofs to feed a lucrative trade. There has been no quarrying of gritstone for slates in the Peak District for the Cotswolds.

years and much of the dema has been met by salvaging old slates, often from demolished mills. But as mills have become part of the protected heritage the shortage has increased, ex-acerbated by the dubious use of slates on new buildings.

Gritstone slabs fetch betw £200 and £300 a ton. The Duchess of Devonshire, who will be at next week's launch, is among Derbyshire landowners who have had buildings stripped

by slate thieves. Up to three-quarters of an inch thick, gritstone states are laid with the biggest above the eaves and diminishing in size to the ridge. An eaves slate can be five feet square and take two men to lift. Seven generic types of gritstone have been identified

in roofs in the south Pennines. The project team has managed to acquire new slate from a two-man quarry west of Sheffield. Though not in the past used for roof slates, the quarry yielded stone capable of being cut for eaves. The campaign will encourage other

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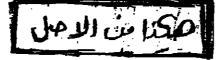
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Tony Blair's claim to have taken over the centre ground of British politics has been boosted by research showing voters see themselves as much closer to Labour than the Conservatives on key policy issues.

rope, traditionally a strong Tory ope, appears to have been driven by the Tory split on the study, of the Tory split on the study, suggests Tory divisions on the issue mean they are not benefiting from the issue mean they are not bene-fiting from the growing Euro-scepticism of the public.

At the last election voters tended to place themselves halfway between Labour and the Tories on most policies, but since then Labour is perceived to have moved towards the centre, while the Tories have lurched to the right, According to the study the electorate, meanwhile, has tended to move slightly to the left, which means that on many is-sues the average voter is now and public spending. Intervie-

sues the average voter is now closely aligned with Labour. On Europe, the picture is dif-ferent. Labour is seen to have moved towards favouring closer ties with Europe, while both the Tories and the electorate health and social services, and 10 meant lower taxes and lowthemselves are seen as having or spending. In the four years moved in a sceptical direction. Eabour's On average, voters are even more sceptical than the Tories,

But the surprising finding is that more voters say they are closer to Labour's position on Europe than to the Tories. This summer, the study found 41 per cent of voters thought they were closest to Labour, and 31 per cent closest to the Tories. Further analysis of the same

expected finding. Pro-European voters tend to think the Tories are anti-European, while antithey are pro-European.

Views of where Labour stands on Europe, on the oth-er hand, do not seem to depend on voters' own prejudices

This reversal of the position Voters see themselves as at the last election, when vot-close to Labour even on Eurepresented their views on Eu-

position on the spectrum close to Labour, but also over-whelmingly see themselves as closer to Labour than the Tories. ined, between 45 and 53 per cent of voters described themselves as "closest to Labour".

Mr Curtice said yesterday: "If elections are won by the policy positions of the parties, we can all go home now." Labour is seen as having moved away wees were asked in 1992 and again this year to give Labour a score, where zero meant higher taxes and higher spending on average score rose from 2.8 to 3.4, the Tories rose from 7.0 to who are in turn seen as more 7.6, and the average score awarded by voters to them-

seives fell from 4.2 to 3.9. On Europe, where zero meant "unite fully with the European Union" and 10 meant "protect the UK's independence from the EU", Labour moved from 5.2 to 4.7, while the Tories' average score moved from 5.6 to 5.9. The average for data by Geoff Evans, of voters moved more sharply in Nuffield College, Oxford, sug- a sceptical direction, from 6.0 a sceptical direction, from 6.0

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## West impotent as war engulfs Zaire

### Cold shoulder for French initiative

France appeared yesterday to have tailed in its bid to muster a multinational force, with US backing, to intervene in the border region of eastern Zaire. A statement issued during the French-British summit in Bordeaux said only that the two countries had agreed to "co-ordinate their efforts closely, especially with-in the framework of the UN Security Council and the European Union to ensure that humanitarian aid was able to reach refugees in Zaire, but it made no mention of any military contingent or any immedi-

ate emergency operation.

The wording of the statement suggested that all further action would be referred to international organisations, and would therefore take time. French sources later conceded that France had "experienced difficulty" in persuading other countries of direct intervention with a military element. Earlier, it had been made clear that France would not take any unilateral military action.

The Foreign Secretary, Maloolm

#### There is extreme urgency. These people have a right to international help and protection'

Rifkind, said later that Britain did not "rule out" a "military dimension" if this was required to ensure the pro-vision of aid and food. He noted, however, that there were many questions still to be answered including: What is the best way of ensuring that the suffering can be ameliorated ... does that require a military con-tribution from the international community? If it does, should the UK be involved?

He emphasised that a political solution "covering Rwanda, Burundi and that part of Zaire" was also required, but that this would take some time to work out and was primarily a matter for the countries of the region. "If the international community can help," he added, then it had

an obligation to do so. The joint French-British statement represented a setback for France, which had obtained the agreement of Spain to the dispatch of a multilateral military contingent to Zaire at the French-Spanish summit in Marseilles earlier this week.

All official British statements in recent days have stressed the complexity of the political situation in Zaire and the need to have the agreement of all countries in the region before action was taken involving troops. How difficult this could be to obtain became apparent yesterday, when Rwanda said it would accept a "fully neutral" European and African force, but implied that French and Belgian participation ould not be welcome.

France is currently sheltering President Mobutu of Zaire, who arrived from Switzerland at the beginning of the week and is now staying at his villa on the Riviera.

France also revealed vesterday that its invitation to the US to join a multinational effort had been met with a list of 30 questions that it wanted to be answered first. The French foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, said France had sent back "precise replies" on all points.

The president of the International Committee of the Red Cross, Cornelio Sommaruga, called yes-terday for Western military intervention to help aid agencies gain safe access to 1 million refugees in east

"There is no other option," he said after a news conference on the hu-manitarian crisis, when asked if he thought Western military intervention was needed. Mr Sommaruga appealed to the UN Security Council to take necessary measures urgentand said Chapter Seven of the UN charter, which authorises member states to use military force, was not

There is an extreme urgency. The victims cannot wait any longer. Time is passing," he said. "These people have a right to international assistance and protection."
The ICRC chief said his agency

and other relief organisations were ready to go into eastern Zaire if their basic security was assured. "We had to quit the region because of pillage, looting and chaos - not because of the conflict," he said. Two leading Zairean opposition parties said yesterday they opposed

foreign military intervention in the east of the country to allow distrib-ution of aid to hundreds of thousands The Union for Democracy and Social Progress (UDPS) and Democratic Christian Social Party (PDSC)

said aid should be distributed in

Rwanda and Burundi, not Zaire. spokeswoman Justine M'Poyo Casa-Vubu said the refugees - mainethnic Hutus who fled the two countries after bloody ethnic conflict



there – would be forced to return to their homelands if the aid was there. Voice of protest: Zairean students demonstrate at Kinshasa University. They later occupied the their homelands if the aid was there. Photograph: AP

## Killing returns to refugee camps

Outside military intervention looked certain to be needed to save 700,000 Rwandan refugees trapped by light-ing in eastern Zaire as it became apparent that the 1994 Rwandan civil war has been resurrected on Zaire-

Zairean rebels - backed by Rwanda's Tutsi-led government - are attacking Mugunga refugee camps, 10 kilometres outside Goma, the town taken by the rebels at the weekend.

Their principal opponent appears not to be Zairean troops but the Interahamwe, the militias which run the refugee camps set up for millions of Rwandan Hutus who fled their country after the genocide of 800,000 Tutsis in 1994. Fire was being re-

turned from the camps.
In the settling of old Rwandan scores, refugees are being used as hostages by the Interahamwe. The war raging on the outskirts of Goma has cut Mugunga off and aid work-ers were evacuated across the border to Rwanda when Goma fell. What is happening in Mugunga is

invisible to the outside world - journalists cannot reach the area - but those fleeing the area report that the Interahamwe has surrounded the tamp, now believed to be a centre for up to 500,000 refugees, many of whom have fled there from camps further north. More than 200,000 others are believed to be trapped by

fighting in the region.
Sergio Vierra de Mello, the assistant high commissioner for the UNHCR, said earlier this week that once agreements had been reached with the Zairean and Rwandan governments and the rebels, no external military force would be needed for safe provision of aid for the refugees. The emergence of the In-terahamwe as a force strong enough and sufficiently armed to make a stand against the rebels almost cer-tainly removes that option if aid is to reach the refugees in time. "A few days ago it looked as if the Interahamwe was not a specific

threat but it now looks more likely that military intervention is needed." said a senior aid official. "Even if the rebels took the camp tomorrow there would be a continuing threat of Interahamwe ambushes and attacks." The French have offered to mount a military operation but it has been rejected by the Rwandan government because of past French support for the Rwandan Hutus.

Across the Zairean border in Gisenyi, Ray Wilkinson, spokesman for UNHCR yesterday repeated his warning that the international community must reach a decision about Interahamwe.

the crisis this week or watch hundreds of thousands die.
It would take a minimum of 14

days to launch a rescue. Even then hundreds if not thousands will have died of starvation, thirst and diseases like chokers. Children and the elderly will be the first victims. The UNHCR is ready to move with a plan which combines emergency food supplies with 'safe corridors' through which refugees could return to Rwanda. So far that is what they have resolute-

ly refused to do. Aid workers and the UNHCR were aware that the interahamwe have taken control of the camps and was storing arms. It was clear that the Hutu social structures had survived the mass exodus and that the old leaders were still in place:

The Interahamwe terrorised the refugees. When they were unconvinced by warnings that Tutsis would marder them if they went home they were lynched as a warning to others. The militias are almost certainly using the same methods to keep trapped refugees under control.

"When refugees try to leave to re-turn to Rwanda they were threatened

#### In the settling of old Rwandan scores, refugees are being used as hostages by the Interahamwe

with guns and grenades," said Mr Wilkinson. Angry criticism that the UNHCR continued to feed the Interahamwe in the camps he said that the commission asked the UN Security Council in 1994 to send an international police force to rid the camps of the militias but the request was turned down. Meanwhile conditions in Goma,

the third major town in eastern Zaire to be taken by the rebels, are rapidly deteriorating. Food is running dangerously short. Everyday crowds of local people fight in the squalid streets for UN supplies once in-

tended for the refugee camps.
Riots broke out yesterday when
people raided UN supply stores and they were fired upon and beaten up by rebel soldiers.

The UN food supplies will also run out soon and when they do the rebels will face the problem of controlling a desperate local population, which looted for days after the taking of the town, while continuing to fight the



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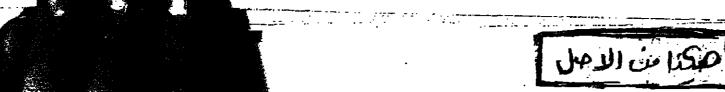
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## TWA 800: friendly fire claim

Debris from the plane (left) and Pierre Salinger yesterday with a photograph and documents which, he said,



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It is a rumour that has been around for as long as the July crash of TWA 800 has been confounding investigators. Just when it seemed to be withering, along comes a well-known mouth and some interesting timing, and it is reignited.

The rumour is that the plane was shot down by a US Navy missile. The mouth belongs to

Pierre Salinger, former spokesman for President Kennedy and until 1983 a reporter for ABC television. At a convention of airline executives in Cannes on Thursday he said he had documents proving "friendly fire" was to blame. "The truth must come out," he said, brandishing two pieces of paper, allegedly written by an American but handed him by a

resurfaces

French agent.

describe how a Navy ship off Long Island fired a missile, believing no commercial traffic was flying below 21,000 feet,

when in fact TWA 800 had reached only 13,000 feet. Yesterday Mr Salinger said he received the papers five weeks ago but had been approached "very important people" asking him not to release them until after Thesday's presiden-tial election, for fear the dis-

closure would alter its course. "If the news came out that an American naval ship shot down that plane it could ... have an

effect on the election," he said. The FBI denied the implied cover-up. James Kallstrom, the assistant director leading the inquiry, said investigators "have absolutely not one shred of evidence that it happened or it could have happened". A White House statement said: "We have ruled out the responsibil-

narios still being considered -a bomb detonated on board, a hit by a missile, or mechanical failure - it is the last that has

been gaining ground recently.
Attention has focused on the possibility that fumes in the plane's central fuel tank ignited and triggered an explosion. This week investigators disclosed that, with 95 per cent of the plane reassembled, there through which a metal rod could be passed and through which a missile might have

Mr Salinger may well be genuine in wanting to help resolve the investigation. But whether he knew it or not, he was also pushing at a series of open

Instantly receptive, for example, will have been his im-mediate audience. The airline was no place in the fuselage industry would like nothing

more than for evidence to sursuggesting the killing of Amerface absolving it of responsibility for the crash. A finding of meican citizens by their own goverament and a cover-up at the chanical failure would instanthighest levels.

But less excitable souls might ly spell lawsuits. For the wider public, Mr Salinger might as well be of-fering chocolate to children. ask the obvious questions; what motive could there be to try to smother so terrible an event? And could a cover-up have worked so effectively, with The fate of TWA 800 long ago attained unsolved-mystery stamany agencies and the military tus and, like all mysteries, it is a breeding-ground for conspir-acy theories. And they do not involved in the investigation and every US news organisation get much better than this one,

## Clinton tees off with a new chief

Rupert Cornwell

Bill Clinton yesterday named his longtime associate, golfing partner and confidant, Erskine Bowles, to replace Leon Panetta as his chief of staff - the most powerful position at the White House after that of the Presidept himself

Only after much pressure did Mr Clinton prevail on the 51-year-old North Carolina businessman to leave a new investment banking venture and return to the White House, where he was deputy chief of staff under Mr Panetta for

Even after his return to the. private sector, however, the President used Mr Bowles for particularly delicate assignments, among them persuading Mr Clinton's former top political consultant, Dick Morris, to resign at once following the revelation of his affair with a Washington prostitute.

With the appointment of the popular Mr Bowles, from the outset Mr Clinton's preferred choice of successor to Mr Panetta, the President has plugged the first of the holes that have opened in his administration in the immediate wake of his elec-

tion victory. Yesterday the Labour Secretary, Robert Reich, announced that he planned to step down, bringing the number of departing Cabinet members to

Apart from Mr Panetta, widely runoured to be planning a run for the California goverleave include Laura Tyson, Mr Clinton's chief economic adviser, and Anthony Lake, the National Security Adviser.

Though reshuffles by a reelected president are standard procedure, this will need to be more comprehensive than

Three factors are responsible: sheer exhaustion, the lure of far better-paying jobs in the private sector, and fear of being distracted by, or trapped in, the ethics investigations which may be a *leitmotif* of this particular second term.

But Mr Clinton has clearly learnt lessons since the chaotic transition after he first won the presidency in 1992.

This time, he is moving more quickly to rebuild the White House staff than his Cabinet, a reversal from four years ago, that "looks like America" led to the hasty, last-minute assem-bling of a slipshod White House

The latter's blunders - that ranged from the travel-office scandal to the the FBI files fiasco - haunt President Clinton to this day.

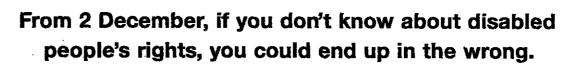
This time, the key Cabinet appointments may wait sever-al weeks as Mr Clinton, in his own words, "casts a wide net".

Faced once again with a hostile Congress, the President would like to appoint at least one Republican to a senior national security post, in the hope of fostering a less partisan relationship with Capitol Hill.

The most likely choices are Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, or outgoing Senator William Cohen of Maine.

Retired general Colin Pow-ell is a less likely contender, givnorship in 1998, other top en Vice-President Al Gore's White House aides expected to understandable reluctance to en Vice-President 'Al Gore's see a top job going to the man who could well be his most dangerous Republican opponent in the 2000 presidential race.

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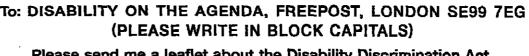
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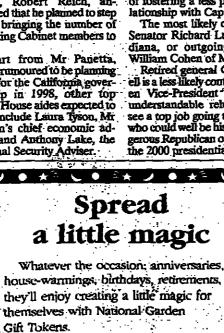












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Forty years on, Cuba's leader updates image with suits, CNN and a papal visit Slovenes look

## Castro runs Pinochet out of town

Latin America Correspondent

It was a classic case of "this town ain't big enough for both of us". And who, but one man, could

have driven Chilean strongman General Augusto Pinochet from his own town? Fidel Castro, that's who. Gen Pinochet, former dictator and still armed forces com-

mander, chose to leave Chile's capital, Santiago, this weekend to avoid meeting the Cuban leader during the Sixth Ibero-American Summit – attended by heads of state or government from Spain, Portugal and Latin American nations. The General and Chilean

air force chief Fernando Rojas, who would have had to greet Mr Castro with military honours, suddenly remembered a previous engagement - military exercises in northern Chile, which will last until Tuesday, the day

Aged 70, and pushing four decades in power, el Comandante still has the power to infuriate and mesmerise. His pending arrival today is already the focus of the Santiago meeting, just as he is bound to steal the show in Rome next week at the World Food Summit of the UN Food and Agriculture Or-

Sometime during the 13-17 November Rome summit, he is

helped topple communism in his native Poland. Diplomatic sources say Mr Castro will al-most certainly invite the Pope to Cuba - the only Spanishspeaking Latin American country he has never visited - by the end of next summer. It is part of a new abertura (opening up) by Mr Castro in economics and religion, a trend which he has yet to follow in the political sec-

ty continues to reign supreme. At the Vatican, you can be sure it will be "el Presidente" Castro who calls on the Pope, not "el Jefe Maximo" (the renowned olive fatigues will be cast aside for a respectful and diplomatic dark suit).

tor, where the Communist Par-

As part of his "New Man" image. Mr Castro took to wearing civilian suits last year during overseas trips. The military gear he retains for domestic consumption. Some believe he is at last trying to move with the times, to soften his traditional Marxism and give the world less reason to ostracise and isolate him. Others say he simply fears he will go down in history as a stubborn dictator who left his country starving.
Mr Castro's latest diplomat-

ic offensive, likely to be hammered home in Santiago and in Rome, may specifically be aimed at keeping the rest of the world from backing US policy expected to have an historic au- on Cuba. A Bill Clinton cam-

join a "choir for democracy" in Cuba could pick up steam after Mr Clinton hinted he may delay or veto parts of the so-called Helms-Burton law criticised by Europe, Canada and others for affecting their trade.
US officials were delighted by

a speech by Sir Leon Brittan in New York on Thursday, in which he said "we believe very strongly that Europe and the United States should work together as soon as possible to nurture democracy, freedom and human rights" in Cuba. Mr Castro's latest concession

came on Thursday when his government announced it would allow the USTV network CNN to open a bureau in Havana. US media have been barred from being based in Cuba since shortly after the 1959 revolution, although the island authorities regularly allow American correspondents in

on temporary working visas. Ironically, CNN is so far unable to accept Mr Castro's offer. Under US sanctions, American citizens cannot work in Cuba, and the TV network will have to await permission -a tricky decision for President Bill Clinton while he is tightening the economic screws on

The controversial Helms-Burton law would allow Amer-



Batman: A suit-wearing Fidel Castro on a previous visit to New York Photograph: Reuter

## to the West as polls open

War is a distant memory in Slovenia this weekend, as voters go to the polls in the country's second general elections since declaring independence from former Yugoslavia in 1991. While Bosnia, Croatia,

Macedonia and rump Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) have all experienced political violence or full-scale war in the last five years, Slovenia has been fortunate enough to escape such convulsions since fighting a brief but bitter battle in June and July 1991 to evict the Serbian-led Yugoslav army. For the first time since 1918,

when Slovenia was incorporated into the first of this century's three Yugoslav states, the little Alpine country of 2 million people has slipped free from its Balkan moorings. Slovenia now has every chance of joining the Western economic and security institutions - above all the Eu-ropean Union and Nato - to which it feels it belongs by virtue of its culture, geography and present high standards of democracy and civil rights.

The outgoing US Defense Secretary, William Perry, was full of praise when he visited Ljubljana last year, and compared Slovenia with other former Communist countries applying to join Nato. "Of all hese countries, I believe that Slovenia has made perhaps the greatest progress in the transition to democracy, the transition to a market economy, and the smooth turnover of the military to civilian control."

election are the centre-left Liblargest party in the coalition government, and an opposition alliance known as Slovenian Spring. This includes the Peo-ple's Party, a rightist party with strong support among farmers, the conservative Christian Democrats and the centre-right Social Democrats.

The Liberal Democrat leader, Janez Drnovsek, who was president of Communist Yugoslavia in its dving years, has been Slovenia's prime minister since 1992. He has compaigned on a platform of completing Slovenia's integration into Europe and restructuring the

He argues that, if Slovenian Spring came to power, the three-party coalition would offer nothing but "experimentation and preoccupation with the past". This refers in part to the Christian Democrats' campaign promise to seek the restoration of land and property to the Roman Catholic church, which was dispossessed after the Com-

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The opposition contends that, despite economic growth economy is not as healthy as Mr Drnovsek likes to suggest. Public spending has risen substantially as public sector strikes have forced higher wages, and annual inflation edged up last month to 9.7 per cent, well above the EU

Polls suggest the likeliest outcome is a qualified victory for the Liberal Democrats, who would then need to forge a coalition with one or two of the

## Beer pioneer sees profits on tap in sparkling Georgia



Candlelit trimmer: A Georgian hairdresser cutting her client's hair during one of Tbilisi's regular blackouts yesterday Photograph:Reuter

is only 29 years old. But that is just the twenty-something age you need to make it in the bustling new atmosphere of peace and business in the

former Soviet Republic of Georgia. The youngest provincial governor of this Caucasus mountain country is now 26. The president of its most successful private company is 29. of canned Turkish lager. President Eduard Shevardnadze's, hottest heir-apparent, Parliamen-

And he is doing very nicely with an enterprising export: a microbrewery from Warrington. With its three tastefully exposed vats, he ferments a thick porter that used to win Camra prizes as "Blunderbus", but has been renamed "Black Panther". "Goes down well, doesn't it?" said

Tbilisi - Entrepreneur Nick Carratu Mr Carratu, offering a pint drawn by those who lived through the years work in Cold War Berlin. There is a even a few businessmen writing efrom a bar in a courtyard garden just off Tbilisi's main boulevard. The unique pub is not only for

English fans coming to watch today's World Cup qualifier against Georgia. Locals are also soaking up the unusually tasty beer, which sells cheaper than the dominant imports

For Mr Carratu, his Georgian hottest heir-apparent, Parliamen-tary Chairman Zurab Zhviad, is 32 partners and a whole new generation of investors in everything from tea packaging to power stations, this is just the beginning. "The investment climate here is fantastic," Mr Carratu said. "There are all the opportunities of Russia a few years ago but cratic bunch of investors of the kind without the competition and, for now, without the maftas."

However, not all foreign investors in Georgia are so upbeat, especial-

of paramilitary anarchy. Back then, pistol-toting mafia bosses fought battles through the lobby of Toilisi's main hotel and gunmen raided foreign-owned wine bottlers, demanding payoffs of 100 cases at a time.

Football fans arriving in Tblisi today will be able to sup locally-made English ale, reports Hugh Pope

Because of Georgia's old reputation - and the fact it has just five million people – big investors are still rare. Many are waiting to see the symbolic vote of Western confidence: the start of work on a transbaijan. It is now almost certain to be completed in the next 18 months.

Georgia has attracted an idiosynwho have sought their fortunes all over eastern Europe this decade. Mr Carratu, for instance, was trained by the British army to speak Russian for

former German MP and television filmmaker who has turned travel agent with an ambition to travel every one of the country's pot-holed roads. An American consortium including former US Secretary of State

An enigmatic Swiss-Israeli concern may have stumbled on to large reserves of natural gas.

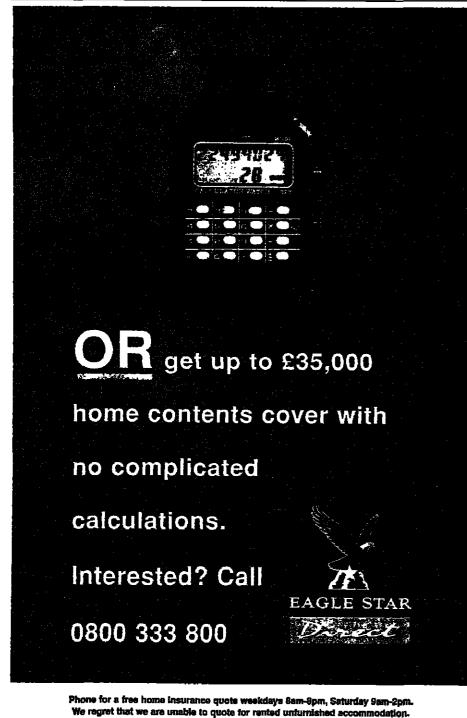
George Shultz is moving into the

The queen of the foreign inton political lobbyist invited to Georgia in 1991 and who never re-ally left. Now she runs an estate agency and a guest house, whose 'rough deck' restaurant overlooking the flickering lights of the capital is the Rick's Bar of Georgia, attract-ing spies, diplomats, aid workers and

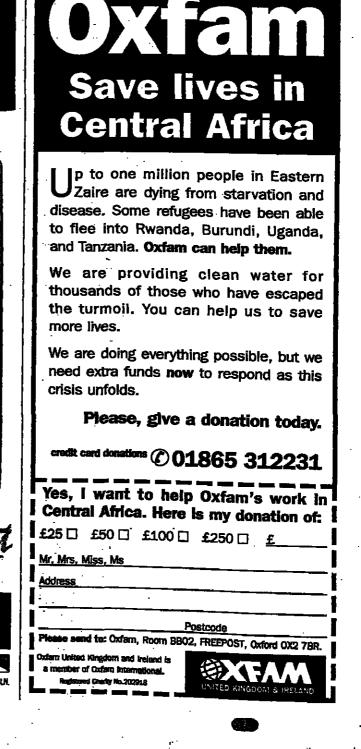
mail letters home to their families. "There are about 10 of us investors here now," Mrs Haskell said. "The moment Shevardnadze got elected, \$10,000 apartments shot up to \$50,000. It's all booming. This place is really taking off. People really believe it is going to work."

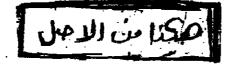
If Mr Carratu's experience is any thing to go by Ms Haskell's bar should soon be filling up. He and his partners decided to invest in March running by July. "The main delays were manufacturing the brewery in England, and the biggest problems with corrupt officials was transporting through Turkey. Now our only problem is to sell as much beer as possible," he said.

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## Imran Khan makes his pitch for power

Imran Khan, the Pakistani sports hero, is about to start a new game, one far more savage than cricket. After years of refusing to enter Pakistan's bruising politics, Mr Khan yesterday said he will stand for election to become the country's next

His newly-formed Justice Movement party will contest the elections on 3 February for the National Assembly, though Mr Khan will have only the slimmest chance of winning. The vote is being called early, after the President, Farooq Leghari on Tuesday dismissed Benazir Bhutto's government for suspected corruption.

"It's true I never wanted to come into politics, but we feel it's time to protect the people from this corrupt mafia," Mr government posts who are their to scare him into ceasing his relatives or sycophants." Mr criticisms of the premier. Soon

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Khan said he supported the removal of Ms Binnto. The country had to be "salvaged from
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youths, below the voting age. He has an image problem, too. Many Pakistanis see him as Mr Khan launched his parhonest and courageous but ty last spring, when a bomb ex-ploded in the lobby of his naive. "I know my limitations. But I feel I'm better than the lot cancer charity hospital in La-hore, killing several people and injuring many. He implied that Ms Bhutte's party times of them," he said yesterday. To his advantage, many Pakistanis are so disheartened with Ms Binutto's Pakistan People's Par-

Muslim League of the former prime minister, Nawaz Sharif, that they might opt for Mr

> still in the grip of feudal land-lords and tribal chieftains. It is they who can deliver thousands of votes, and without their support, without playing the game of influence peddling. Mr Khan may end up with his reputation unstained but with only a few seats in parliament.

The country's new caretaker Prime Minister, Meraj Khalid, 80, is refusing to move into Ms Bhutto's grand, official resi-dence, preferring to stay in his two-room bungalow. Pakistanis, long accustomed to Ms Bhutto's style of Moghul hauteur, were stunned to see a newspape photograph yesterday of Mr Khalid tottering his way to an economy-class seat on a flight



Going in to bat: Imran Khan with his wife, Jemima. He is delaying the launch of his electoral campaign until after the Photograph: Brendon Monks

### Indian state battles to aid cyclone victims

Hyderabad - Indian authorities scrambled to launch rescue operations yesterday after as many as 1,000 people were feared killed by a cyclone that lashed the southern state of Andhra Pradesh. Communications and transport routes to the worst-affected areas were disrupted. Torrents have swept away bridges, while winds threw trees across highways and blew down

Police and troops battled swirling flood waters to reach coastal villages; helicopters dropped food and drinking wa-ter to the stranded. V Chan-Chief Minister, said after an aerial survey that the death-toll

burial ground," he said. The cyclone destroyed houses, livestock and crops. The several thousand people were injured. The United News of Iadia said seven people had been admitted to hospital with symptoms similar to cholera, as health workers faced a possi-

The cyclone, with winds up to 110 mph, hit the coast on Wednesday at the port of Kakinada. Waves swept up to three miles inland, submerging towns 967 people died in 1990.

people live in the Konaseema region around the Godavari delta south of Kakinada, which took the brunt of the storm, which moved inland before petering out. Two million people

were affected by the disaster.
About 100 soldiers and eight doctors had fanned out in East Godavari to begin relief operations, an official said. Six helicopters were flying continuous trips to drop supplies to strand-

Most fatalities were caused by flooding, house collapses or electrocution. Mr Naidu put a provisional estimate on losses in East Godavari, hit hardest by ter to the stranded. V Chan-drababu Naidu, the state's (£370m). Weather officials said the cyclone had fizzled out.

Reddy Subramaniam, a tax bowl of the state looks like a '2,500 livestock had been lost and 625,000 acres of rice paddy inundated. H S Brahma, the official coordinating relief number of homes destroyed or damaged was put at 400,000; Kakinada, said 100,000 people were sheltering in 400 relief camps set up in East and West Godavari districts.

Andhra Pradesh's flat coastline makes it vulnerable to storms tearing in off the Bay of Bengal. In 1977, 10,000 people were killed by a cyclone that drove a tidal wave up to eight miles inland. A cyclone killed 120 people in June this year and

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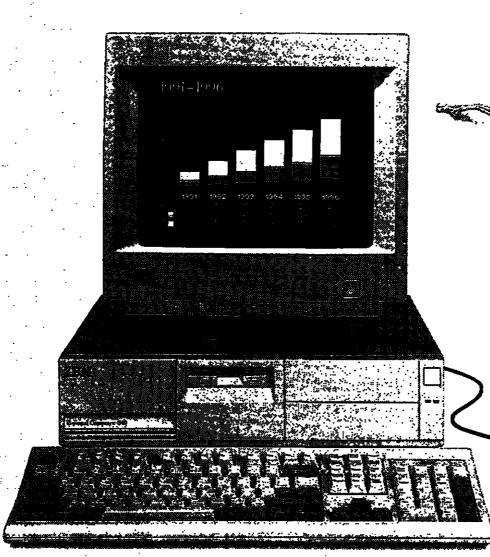
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## Europhobes conjure up a demon Paddy

EU commissioner Padraig Flynn is the new bogey man of the right-wing press

**Catherine** Butler

he xenophobes in Britain's right-wing rewspapers have been pining for a prop-r hate figure in Brussels since the deparure of Jacques Delors, who in his heyday ould command the entire front page of he Sun. They may have found what they

rere looking for.
Padraig Flynn, the flamboyant figure harged with framing the EU's social poly, seems to be the man of the hour. For start, he is an outspoken critic of Britain's pt-out from the Maastricht Treaty's social rovisions. He is also one of the authors f the law setting a maximum 48-hour workig week, one of the Government's pet

ates, and on which the Euopean Court of Justice will ule next Tuesday. And for the imple-minded xenophobes.

he best bit is: he's Irish.

Last month Mr Flyun was ubbed "the Brussels bignouth" by The Daily Mail afer calling for an end to the initish opt-out. The Telegraph oked fun at his Irish accent nd turns of phrase when he unched an initiative to tamp out sexual harassment

the workplace. Yesterday Mr Flynn de- Attack: Padraig Flynn in spokesman said. ided to take The Daily Mail papers' sights o court following a vitriolic

ersonal attack last week which branded im incompetent, bigoted and tainted by orruption. It was an extraordinary tirade f racist abuse, which contained offensive predictable anti-Irish references to pigs, otatoes, priests and the IRA. The Daily lail denounced Mr Flynn for his work in russels under the headline "This man omes from a world of farm subsidies and orruption. Now he wants to destroy Iritain's economic success".

The Daily Mail's writer asked how Mr lynn could understand the economics of ic free market. He comes from Castlebar 1 the west of Ireland which we are told is an enclosed world of cattle markets,

rural corruption". The people of Castlebar would no more apply the social chapter lo-cally than obey an extradition warrant for the handover of an IRA prisoner to the British the diatribe continues.

Mr Flynn's career as a senior government minister in Ireland is cited to highlight his alleged incompetence. "Nothing in his own political background has prepared him for the responsibilities he now occupies."

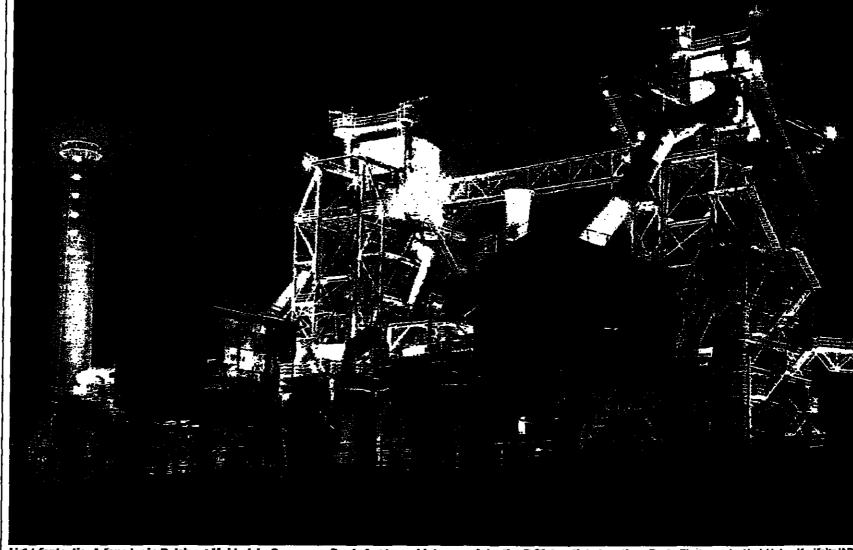
The only specific charges levelled at him by Daily Mail columnist Bruce Anderson, Flynn rejects. One is an allegation that he "suppressed" an internal report because it suggested that high rates of worker pro-tection might be to blame in countries which are unsuccessful at creating jobs. Mr Flynn denies he suppressed anything. The

report will be published next week, although its conclusions will be toned down.

Mr Flynn's aides admit there is an ongoing debate in the Commission over the effects of regulation in the workplace. But to suggest there has been a cover-up of evidence is "laughable". The other charge - that he is trying to bring in a minimum wage - is dismissed as ill-informed nonsense. "The Commission has no powers to set wages," a

If he was distressed by the personal and bigoted nature of The Daily Mail's attack, Mr Flynn should be bracing himself for more. John Major is contemplating defeat in next week's ruling at the 18 hours are the 18 hours. ing on the 48 hour maximum working week. If he loses, he has pledged an all-out cam-paign against social policy in the Inter-Gov-ernmental Conference on EU reform. There is a campaign to demonise Mr Flynn and paint him as a regulator intent on dismantling British competitiveness ahead

of the verdict. Irish officials in Brussels seem resigned to the racist backlash which seems part of the latest wave of anti-Europe hysteria from London. "They can't seem to cope with the idea of policy for Britain being handled by 1rm subsidies and generally tolerated some Paddy," said one official



Light fantastic: A foundry in Duisburg-Meiderich, Germany, after being turned into a work by the British artist, Jonathan Park Photograph: Karl-Heinz Kreifelts/AP

## Major warning on 48-hour week

Mary Dejevsky Bordeaux

If the European Court rules that Britain must conform with laws imposing a max-imum 48-hour working week, it will work for a change in the Maastricht Treaty, John Major said yesterday in Bordeaux at the end of the 19th Franco-British summit, four days before the court gives its verdict. He said it was wrong that the measure

had been brought under health-and-safe-ty provisions of the treaty, a case Britain has argued (without success) for several years. If Britain lost, he said, "the same treaty could be used to drive through other things that come under the Social Chapter", so rendering Britain's opt-out from the provisions of the Maastricht Treaty meaningless.

Implying that Britain might consider holding the Intergoverumental Conference on European reform to ransom to get its way, Mr Major said Britam would "bring up the question" of changing the treaty in the ICG and would "expect our colleagues to respond".

President Jacques Chirac, asked for his views on Britain's predicament, appeared to sympathise with the difficulties it encountered with the European Court (and stressed the closeness of British and French views on the need to reform it) but he also made clear France's different approach to social and labour provision. He denied that adopting Britain's more flexible labour practices could help France reduce high unemployment. But France could well learn from Britain's more "rigorous management" of its economy.

Mr Major also cast doubt on the recent forecast from Brussels that as many as 12 countries could qualify to join a single European currency in 1999 and stressed again his concern that the Maastricht con-

vergence criteria should not be diluted.

He said he would be "very surprised if there were anything like 12 countries qualified" on the "strict interpretation" of

Mr Major was attending what will probably be his last French-British summit, assuming he loses the election. The proceedings in Bordeaux had a mostly relaxed and distinctly elegiac quality. Aside from an agreement on co-operation be-tween the two countries' navies, there was precious little advance on bilateral or Eu-

Asked by a French reporter whether he

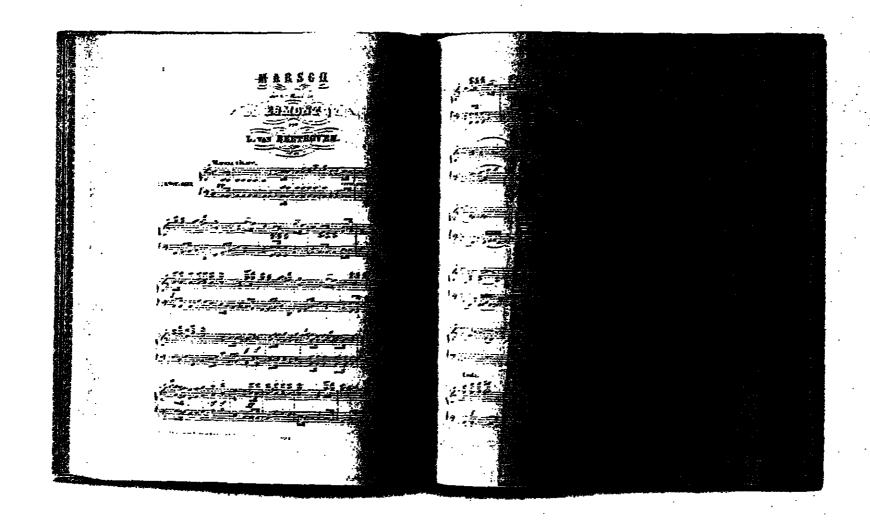
considered himself a "real European", Mr Major insisted that he did, but that this included wanting to change policies that could damage Europe "in the short or long term". He went on: "Whether I'll prevail or not with my fellow Europeans, or with my col-leagues in the party. I have my doubts."

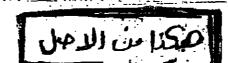
Proceedings were punctuated by the announcement that Mr Chirac and Chancellor Kohl of Germany would hold an "unofficial" meeting on 30 November at Périgueux, south-western France. The pretext is a gastronomic-book fair, at which Mr Kohl and his wife, Hannelore, will promote the tome they have written. But the timing suggests further co-ordination of the Franco-German position before the Eu-Franco-German position before the European summit in Dublin. A regular Franco-German summit is due to be held in Germany in December.

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### It's just dots and lines, until you play it.





At least 1,500 whooper, mute and Bewick's swans have arrived from Arctic Russia at the Wildfowl and Wetlands site at Welney, Norfolk, in time for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the trust by Sir Peter Scott. Entrance this weekend will cost 10p, approximately the charge 50 years ago. This picture was taken by Brian Harris, 30th of a second at f2 on 800 ASA film

# ngweekend

So Ton Bair has a land problem and does not appeal to women. Bill Clinton, with his good hair, clearly does. Is life so simple and so cruel? Think on this as you turn these pages. We comb through the charms of Venice – laSerenissima. Will we ever be so beguiled by Croydon? Even with new bouffant, will it ever be la. Croydonissima? More worryingly, we learn that our garden says much about our class - your plants may never hide your roots



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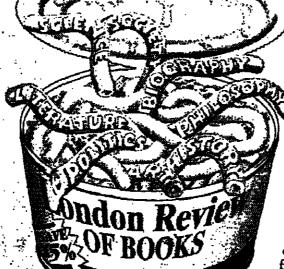
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### Whatever happened to the New Zealand flatworm?

The moment: The invaders were first noticed on our shores in early 1995: foreigners hell-bent on destruction. They would emerge at night, punch a hole in their prey and suck them dry, before returning to their hiding place. But this was no vampirish European Commissioner - a worse alien had arrived: Artioposthia triangulator, or the New

Zealand flatworm. Like shrivelled versions of creatures from Dune, they are pinker and slimier than their British cousins, and are surrounded by a cocoon of sticky mucus. They stretch out as long as 6in to 8in when squirming along. They are a formidable predator, devouring as many as 14 British earthworms in a week, but capable of going for a year without food by slowly absorbing their own tissue.

The background: They arrived piggyback on a seed from the Antipodes, were first discovered some 30 years ago in Belfast gardens, and were identified in London's Natural History Museum as a native of New Zealand's South Island beach forests. This small, ribbon-like creature almost certainly travelled half-way around the globe as a stowaway in the soil of pot plants.

The effect: National panic. There were sightings from Carlisle to Christchurch and there was only one topic of conversation: how could the British, brandishing pitch fork and sharpened spade, rid themselves of the Antipodean interloper? There were warlike rallying cries to protect the fine, upstanding British worm - the cornerstone of this country's ecological system and vital to the survival of plants and soil life - from the Kiwi cannibals who were blamed for waterlogged soil, dying trees and the national debt. Questions were asked in the highest chambers of the land: in the House of Lords, Lord Carter said the flatworms "go round in gangs and jump on earthworms". Earl Howe, a junior agricultural minister, reported that the official advice from the Central Science Laboratory to anyone encountering a New Zealand flatworm was: "to tread on it or pour something hot or salty on top of it".

Moments of subsequence: Government instructions to stamp on the flatworm were unsuccessful - as Lord Aberdare asked. "Are you sure it's effective to stamp on a worm that's already flat?"

Though they may have squirmed out of the public limelight, they have certainly not disappeared from gardens.

A few months after the initial media obsession with the killer worms, a second species has appeared in southern Britain – a smaller, less harmful variant. This was followed more recently by the discovery in Scotland of two more vari-

eties of flatworm not before seen in this country. The flatworm seems to have almost no predators, but preliminary research in Edinburgh now suggests that a sofar-unidentified beetle may eat the invader. "What we really need is funding for a post-graduate to do a thesis." says Dr Cosens. "That would revolutionise our under-

## heavenly chaos, where astrologers thrive

rmistice Day next week finds several countries still mired in devastating civil wars. There is something particularly horrifying about a nation turned

violently upon itself. As with Afghans, Kurds and Rwandans, the dislocation felt in mid-17th century England had as much to do with the world being turned upside down as it did with the

with neighbours and even families finding themselves on opposing sides, people turned to irregular sources for guidance. Yet even the astrologers were at sword's point.
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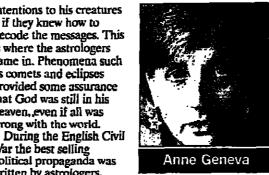
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intentions to his creatures - if they knew how to decode the messages. This is where the astrologers came in. Phenomena such as comets and eclipses provided some assurance that God was still in his heaven, even if all was wrong with the world.

War the best selling political propaganda was written by astrologers, who conducted a pamphlet war in parallel roundhead and cavalier. Surprisingly, the most gifted astrologers sided prophetic ability on their part, but the truth is, they were staunch Puritan and republican supporters. Only one loyal astrologer,



pamphlets from a portable press as they marched.

that either Cromwell or the King believed in recognised its propaganda value. It was said at the time that Parliament's chief astrological propagandist, William Lilly, was worth several regiments. When Wharton -

based on a map of the heavens for the time the royalists began their march from Oxford, Lilly quickly used the same starry paradigm for a feat of astrological virtuosity. Recruiting the timehonoured emblem of the sun to symbolise the King, and insisting that all heavenly portents augured his defeat, Lilly's pamphlet appeared on the very day the decisive Battle of Naseby was fought. Thus are spin doctors born.

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Later in the Civil War. the 1648 siege of Colchester provided a dramatic astrological scenario. Inside the besieged royalist garrison, the astrologer John Humphrey was frantically assuring the town's governor that relief troops

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would soon save the day. To counter this and boost the attacking soldiers' morale. Lilly and another astrologer sympathetic to the Parliament were sent for. They assured the general and troops that the town would soon be surrendered, "as indeed it was," noted Lilly.

All wars generate prophets, whether poets, foreign office experts. spies, historians, arms dealers or soothsayers. Amid the chaos we grasp at anything that promises to bring order.

The current exhibition of Rubens' landscapes at the National Gallery shows his ecstatic response to the peaceful, sunny countryside of Flanders, liberated after many years of war. Would that such a regal sun flood the world on the next Armistice Day.

The New Fowler's Modern English
Usage", which has been published this
week by OUP isn't really Fowler's at all, but Robert Burchfield's. For the first time since Fowler's classic appeared in 1926. OUP have commissioned a ... complete re-write and who better to do it than Robert Burchfield, whose carlier Supplement to the OED and Dictionary of English Enmotogy have established him as a worthy guardian of the mother

tongue, even if he is a New Zealander. This new book, however, closely follows several other new guides to good English. We have therefore decided to test drive the new Fowler (FMEU) alongside Chambers Guide to Grammar. and Usage (CGGU), Longman's Guide to English Usage (LGEU) and Martin Cutts' The Paglish Guide (TPEG), also

The table below gives their rulings on six items of linguistic dispute.

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The Plain English Guide is the most liberal, as might be expected in a work designed to help readers write clearly, eschewing obfuscation, pleonasm and catachresis. But it almost encourages us to split infinitives and end sentences with prepositions, simply because it's not wrong to do so. In the new Fowler, Burchfield says: "Avoid splitting infinitives whenever, possible, but do not suffer undue remorse if a split infinitive is unavoidable." He also discourages, without condemning, prepositions to end sentences with.

Burchfield/Fowler is understanding of people who knew nothing of the nature of Greek drama" in his acceptance of the use of "protagonist" to mean "proponent", though he detects a "whiff of pleonasm" in the phrase "chief protagonist". The Longman Guide says that if you use the word to mean the main character in a Greek drama, you'll probably he misunderstood, so you should "have the courage" to use it to mean "supporter". Chambers, meanwhile, are happy for you to have the courage to misspell "minuscule" even though this could

lead the language into a crisis situation. Compared with the liberalism of other grammars, Burchfield's enlightened pedantry is a sheer joy to read and con-

William Hartston

#### fact of fighting on home soil. As the touchstones of Oxford, issuing royalist with the military camps of daily life disintegrated, There is no evidence with Cromwell. This could astrology, but both be put down to far-sighted

was thought to serve as a giant billboard on which George Wharton, the Creator signalled accompanied the King to

earthly eavesdropper on the role models need to see them to know it. It's all in the voice: reedy, low-energy, sparing with the pronunciation lest they move their faces and get wrinkles. In the world of the mannequin you don't say "model": too much lip movement. No, you say "mudd-aww", the first syllable high-pitched,

do you do? The platforms return to The outer door opens. the front of my door, bellowing wafts in, then it accompanied by a pair of white patent clogs. "How are you? Much work?" swings to. Shh-clunk. A pair of platforms appears before my door, it rattles.

the second dying away. As in "Um ur muddaw. What

Yes. I've been really then they retreat. Someone busy. I did a shoot for a teen magazine last week." "Oh. They don't pay

very well, do they?"
"Not really. But it's "Allo," replies another, equally high, equally slow on the syllable. "I haven't good exposure. Patsy Kensit started in teen seen you since London magazines. You?" "I've had a catalogue,

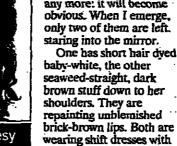
and I did a stand in



Birmingham, A computer company."

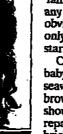
"Which one?" "I don't remember." A crackle of nylon, and the loo next to me flushes. A third set of clunks walks into the main pool.

with my agency."
Model Two identifies



Squeaks of recognition. "Allo!" "Oh, hi. How are you?" "This is Kim. She's

herself as something like Marika or Tamika or



shoulders protrude as if they've been trussed for Christmas. You could fit

two of them into one of me. I. of course, am glamorous in a black jersey dress that hasn't been the same since I forgot to change out of it for one of those 2am paint-stripping jobs.

Model One is talking as

she makes up, top lip absolutely still, the bottom one doing the enunciation. "- far too fat," she is

Tamara. I can't lurk inside saying. "She must weigh any more: it will become ".ecote suin stone." "Eeuugh," says Tamikaobvious. When I emerge, only two of them are left. lamara. "Gross." staring into the mirror. I know, She must eat like a pig." One has short hair dyed Tamika-Tamara licks her baby-white, the other seaweed-straight, dark finger, runs it upwards.

> over her eyebrows to produce that Kate Moss look of blank startlement.

"The agency are really worried. Kelly was saying they're thinking about dropping her.' I realise that I haven't

exhaled for a full minute, so great is the effort of sucking in my cheekbones. They clomp towards the party. "She's going to be in real trouble," says Model One. "Well," says Tamika-Tamara, "She'll only have herself to blame." A gust of alcoholfuelled yelling, and the door bangs to. With blissful relief, I release my strangulated breath.

MACHAEL JACKSON







#### weather

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but also showers and a gusty northwest wind. England and

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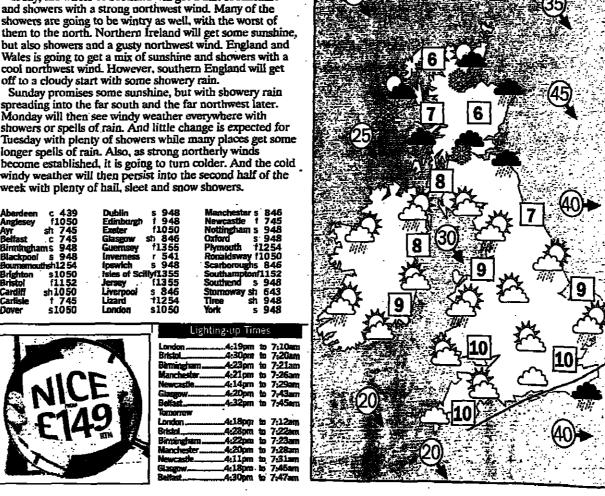
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### THEATRE A Perfect Ganesh, West Yorkshire Playhouse

Jude Kelly's production helps the audience to stomach Terrence McNally's sugar-sweet play of two women searching for their souls. By Jeffrey Wainwright



Allow, accept, be: Eleanor Bron (Katharine) and Prunella Scales (Margaret) play with wit and tact

Photograph: Jason Slee / Guzelian

t is easy to fancy Katharine and Margaret taking the train from Connecticut, lunching at Jackie Mason's and taking in a Broadway matinee that reminds them of the books they read in college a play such as this one, in which they appear, Terrence McNally's A Perfect Gunesh. They would not. but the play soft-soaps and comforts its audience to the point of insult.

We meet Katharine (Eleanor Bron) and Margaret (Prunella Scales) as they check in for their Indian vacation. McNally's undoubted craft charand suspicious, aiming to see India "from a comfortable seat somewhat at a distance"; Katharine disorganised and gushing with wonder - "O for a

McNally seeks what Margaret would call "resonance" by making a Chorus out of the Hindu god Ganesh, a god of appetite and trickery with an elephant's head and a huge stomach, played with great

resource by Paul Bhattacharjee. Ganesh explains to us that he is everywhere, "in your cancer", "in the ant on the way to your potato salad", and in nicer places, too. He is happy, cheerful, the god of

Ganesh is evidently meant to represent and honhowever, be flattered. The satire they could take, our India and so swivel the play out of a western perspective. That he is ubiquitous is, of course, mightily convenient, for McNally can have the benefit of his novelty and make him sound like a cabaret MC. An ingenious device, Ganesh nevertheless serves to validate an action in which India is really acterises the two within seconds: Margaret pursed only projected in terms of Margaret and Katharine's read "our" - problems.

Both have come to India for their souls. At first the play raises a sceptical eyebrow at this, but as it follows the familiar pattern of unveiling the heartache beneath the Burberrys - both have lost sons, both harbour guilts and repressions, both have a future portion of pain awaiting – the quest is accomplished. soapstone not amethyst. The climax comes as Margaret confronts the leper To 7 Dec. Booking: 0113-

whose reaching hand she thinks says "love me", and tries to fulfil a childhood dream in which she would kiss a leper's face. She has to realise she cannot, and gives him 50 rupees instead. Ganesh, whose mantra 'allow, accept, be", tells us, "she worried about her soul; he had the best meal of his life". Such "realism" is, of course, just what we want to hear, and to be reassured that we have our miseries, too. Thus are Margaret and Katharine healed and can love. "Come on!" as they say in the loge.

Remarkably, however, Jude Kelly's production manages to slip this sugar down without our noticing too much. Prunella Scales and Eleanor Bron lay with wit, tact and enough understatement to keep our toes straight. The design by Robin Don, with excellent lighting by Jon Linstrum and sound by Mic Pool, is wonderfully atmospheric with a beautiful economy of means. Nevertheless, like Katharine's "perfect Ganesh" collectable, this is

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### Postcards from Oz



attempt to explain What we can tell about Americans from the things they have made", is made by an Australian. One of the things you can tell about Australians from what they have made is that they bate Australia, The finest Australian minds have no rivals when it comes to making their excuses and

Our view of Australians has been coloured by their bustling media presence Basically, in their high-falutin intellectual way, they have confirmed what we always knew about Australians: they're loud (Germaine Greet), they're abrasive (Robert Hughes), and they don't take anything seriously (Clive James). See your way past all the books they ve read, and written, and you can tell they grew up in carshot of the same reference points as the grotesques of Sylvania Waters. This reductive view of Australian culture goes right to the top. In Neighbours -Tenth Anniversary Special (BBC1, Mon), a BBC executive explained that they bought the soap because films like Picnic at Hanging Rock

It's almost surreal that of all the eminent Australians only Richie Benaud, clipped. diplomatic, unsmirking. contravenes the stereotype. Hughes has been taking

Australian programming".

"had established an interest in

In his magnificent tour of American creativity, the critic swivels his eyes towards camera with his head turned in quarter profile, as the cricketer does when giving his unimpeachable verdict on the day's play. The pose is carefully chosen for the delivery of opinions which would sound too arrogant if fired off face on, It helps Hughes that he is physically in the bruiserweight division. If the stock intellectual figure remains someone you could knock over with a feather, this one could punch your lights out. Instead, he knocks you out with criticism that smacks of pectorals and biceps, preened to a smooth faultlessness like something off Bondi Beach.

vision, Hughes observed the Republic's attempt to create its architecture on the Athenian model. His presence was sorely missed down in Canberra, where Billy Connolly was stumbling in his own wee way to an understanding of the Australian capital. He spluttered the name of Albert Speer, as tourists do when confronted by triumphalist urban design, Parked statuesquely in front of a bust of Lincoln, Hughes invoked the same name. He explained how Speer hankered to harness television's potential for propaganda. If technology had allowed. Speer could have thrust the image of Hitler into every German home but, like Lincoln's spin

For his first American

lionising him in marble. Billy Connolly's World Tour of Australia (BBCI, Mon) is a perfect illustration of that potential for image projection. Television, the laboratory of modern celebrity, will nowadays only allow its own creations to front peak-time programmes. No matter that Connolly knows no more about Australian history than anyone who has read the Rough Guide, he got the job.

His series documents Australia in unenlightening exclamations, it was "brilliant!" on top of Sydney harbour bridge, "fantastie!" at the summit of the Opera House, "crap!" in Canberra. And it was "shite!" with a comedian as guide.

Clive James's Postcard from the Melbourne Cup (ITV, Mon) was superficially more satisfying, because James comes home before he writes his jokes. But the two students of Australia are cut from much the same cloth. They both hit the road on a motorbike, buying into the cliche of free-spiritedness so central to the Australian myth. Like Connolly in Cunberra. James was a foreigner in Melbourne reeling from the tedium of the place. "The pace of life is a casual walk." he said over a shot of him easually walking. "The dream of peace is still alive here." This is Jamesian for "when's the next plane home?".

Maybe it was just Melbourne that drew his sting, but his relish for being nice to people on camera only to shaft them on the voiceover is on the wane. He even got a part in Neighbours, a programme which as a critic he'd have flayed alive. (Connolly did better: on-stage in Sydney, he said he was surprised at Kylie Minogue's size; then, imagining they were joined at the groin, he span her tiny frame round like Catherine wheel.)

With James transformed into a koala, you found doctors, had to make do with deeper signs of subversion on Neighbours' own birthday celebration. Compiling all the deaths and marriages from the show's first decade, the editing had a subtle dig at the rhythm method of storyboarding in soaps. The actress who played Daphne explained how she died. "but that was great too because it brought her character full circle". You may recognise the steal from King Lear: "The sheila's come full circle.'

#### **CLASSICAL MUSIC**

#### King Olaf: BBC Philharmonic / Donald Hunt, Victoria Hall, Hanley

for the title of Elgar's annus mirabilis - the year in which his oratorio The Light of Life (Lux Christi) and the dramatic cantanta Scenes from the Saga of King Olaf both saw the light of day within a few months of each other.

Donald Hunt's recent performance at the Worcester Three Choirs Festival of the former (with the RLPO), his swansong as festival director, was memorably convincing; and it was Hunt who was again at the helm (this time of the BBC Philharmonic) for the centenary revival of King Olaf, given at the Victoria Hall, Hanley, last Saturday, almost exactly 100 years to the day after the 39-year-old Elgar unleashed it at the North Staffordshire Triennial Music Festival.

he year 1896 is a prime contender Christianity over pagan darkness gave Elgar an apt metaphor, perhaps, for the kind of breakthrough he was striving after in his own artistic life. It's a courageous and, for its day, mouldbreaking work, in whose leitmotivic invention, solo and (substantial) notes, who brought to this lightly charchoral writing The Dream of Geron- acterised medley for anti-heroine just tius is clearly foreshadowed. And it the assurance and the shaping of opened doors. Performances became rife and within a year Jaeger at Novello's was Elgar's publisher.

Adapted from Longfellow, King Olaf is by no means problem-free. Planned orchestral links got infuriatingly axed at publishers' insistence. One focal encounter sustains the first half - a David-and-Goliath tussle between the pagan Ironbeard (one rather warms to him) and the oppor-Besides suiting a penchant (à la Grieg or Wagner) for Germanic-Nordic myth, King Olaf's triumph of Scenes, centring on soprano solo.

Then things rather peter out in a loose odyssey of lightly connected Circean overwhelmed by an orchestral tidal wave. Elsewhere, from the opening's

nebulous, lyrical second part that gained an unexpected cogency here, due partly to Hunt's easing of the tempi, and especially to the soprano Susan Chilcott, resplendent on high Elgar's stately, extended lines that we so hankered after elsewhere.

Earlier, the tenor Arthur Davies (for whom the role of Olaf might have been tailor-made) seemed oddly tired. tense and undramatic: only "Behold me, my people" took wing, otherwise Olaf remained unprojected and ill at ease (but then, even Edward Lloyd at the 1896 premiere famously missed an entry). Alan Opie, chilling over raspy tunistically monotheistic upstart Olaf. cellos at the start and an appealing

Paradoxically, it was this rather dark, Apostles-like mutterings of bass clarinet, the BBC Phil, not least in the lush middle-strings close harmony that opens Part 2, responded sympathetically to this unfamiliar score.

Besides Wedgwood and Stanley Matthews, the five towns' pride and joy is the splendidly named (and attired) Ceramic City Choir. If some of the gutsier choruses just lacked the demonism they deserved, the eerier ballads' contrapuntal vigour (for all the non-reverberant acoustic) came across well; some interspersed gems of Elgarian partsong were impeccably phrased; and the sheer inspiration that led him to mesh a Parsifal-tinged apotheosis with the melting song "As Torrents in Summer" could scarcely have been better highlighted. Had Gerontius never emerged, we would treasure King Olaf. We should relish it all the same.

Roderic Dunnett | innumerable dinner-parties.

## Virginity? No stigma

Anyway, John Shuttleworth,



theology student once told me that the Paraclete – an alternative title for the Holy Ghost - can be defined as the presence of Christ's absence, a piece of information with which I have since wowed

Sheffield's king of the Yamaha organ, now stands in a similar relation to Eamon, Older Brother of Jesus. Following an article by Paul Donovan in last week's Sunday Times, complaining in advance of the profanity of Michael Redmond's comedy which works on the premise that the Holy Family were Irish immigrants to Palestine - James Boyle, Radio 4's new controller, decided to pull the series and put on repeats of The Shuttleworths instead.

Among other things. Donovan cited jokes about Jesus's halo - the actual line was that it kept Eamon awake at night - and an exchange in which a Roman centurion "sneered" at the Virgin Mary "Who's that? I wouldn't give her one," to which Eamon replies, "Nobody ever has, in fact."

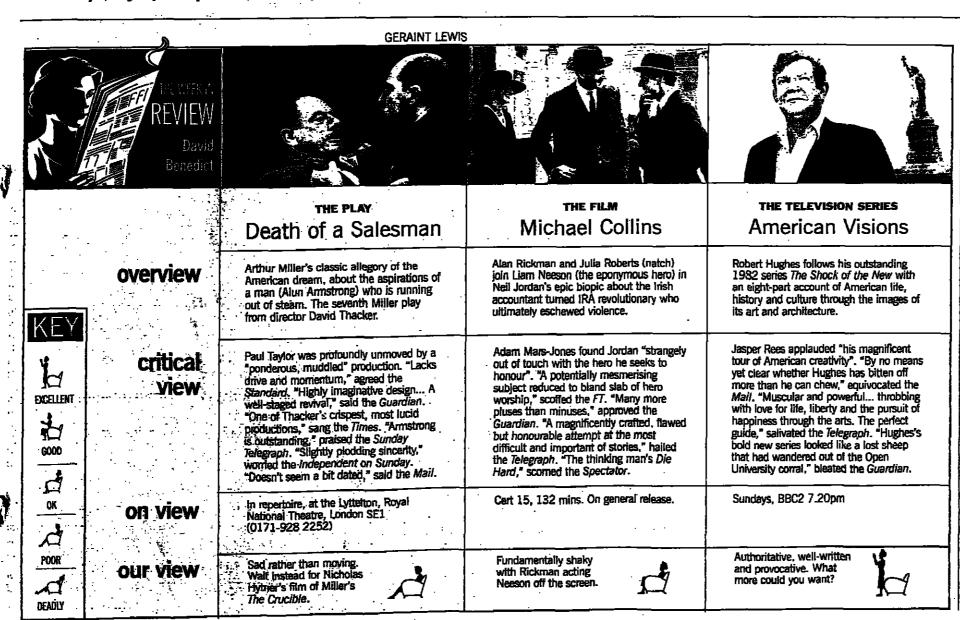
What's interesting about both these jokes is that they rely on the assumption of Christ's divinity and Mary's virginity - hence the mystery. never explained, that Eamon is Jesus's older brother (that point clearly went over the head of one newspaper this week, which referred to the programme as Eamon, unger Brother of Christ). And it's hard to see where the problem is in having a Roman

too. We're giving you the

soldier expressing sexual distaste for Mary, whose attractiveness to men is not. one would have thought, an article of anybody's faith. The joke here is about the way men talk about women, and the peculiar doublethink that allows many of them to pray to a Virgin while treating other women with contempt. In any case, if we're not going to have Roman soldiers displaying irreverence towards the Holy Family, does that mean we are going to condemn programmes that show them doing stuff like, oh. I don't know, beating up Jesus and putting a crown of

thorns on his head? The basic point should be clear: to use religion as material for a joke is not the same as failing to take it seriously - and that's true even when the jokes involve sex and swearing (Eamon was, after all, being broadcast way after any conceivable watershed in the

Late Night Opening slot). Still, Paul Donovan's feelings aren't the real issue. The issue is James Boyle's reaction, which looks like either pathetic timidity and over-sensitivity to newspapers, or ill-judged authoritarianism. Either way, it doesn't sound like the Radio 4 we know and love.



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## Hairybacks and white kaffirs

Christopher Hope cheers a lexicographical milestone

A Dictionary of South African English: on Historical Principles edited by Penny Silva. Oxford, £85

kaffir". I proudly confess to being both and I am happy to find them listed in the monumental new Dictionary of South African English. Even if the good book cautions against their use for the offence they may cause.

Never mind. This is a wonderful achievement, an occasion for trumpets and conferti. At long last, speakers of South African English have been given a work of reference commensurate with the rich, irreverent vigour of their language. It's been a long time coming. A quarter of a century in the making, some 5000 entries and a joy from first to last.

From now on, not only will others understand us a little more easily; but here is proof that South African English may be read, savoured and, even more surprisingly, understood. So if I write: "The kugel left the Greek and jumped the robot", the foreign reader need only consult the dictionary to see that Γm talking not Yiddish, science fiction or even sexual perversion. I'm reporting that "a young, spoilt, wealthy (Jewish) woman...preoccupied with frivolities" drove away from the corner shop and failed to stop at the traffic lights.

As to the question of giving offence, nothing the commendable editors of the dictionary may say, is likely to discourage South Africans from insulting one another when the occasion demands. Nor should it. Because your outrage may be my pleasure. It was always so. Only when the dictionary ventures into cautionary matters does it flounder.

Take the time honoured insults addressed to Afrikaners: the popular "hairyback"; or the more inventive "rockspider". No good, says the dictionary. Yet equally popular gibes at the English roomek (redneck) or soutpiel (saltprick) - rate only the dodgy health warning often derogatory". Often? Mostly, surely, or why bother?

And sometimes the same word may is admirable and wise. We have had have entirely opposite effects. Black radenough of the language police in South

have been called a "native" of South
Africa. And I've been called a "white police officers or soldiers or farmers, as

Africa. an insult. But when used among Afrikaners about themselves, the editors insist, it

is an "affectionate and humorous name". In fact - not bere canvassed - the word is also favoured by the neo-fascist white, right wing Afrikaners for whom it has mystical overtones of purification and lost

Then there is the word no one talks about but a lot of people use: "Kaffir". A form, derived innocently enough (except that it was probably coined by slave traders) from the Arabic kafir, meaning unbeliever. The k-word receives by far the longest entry in the dictionary (eight pages) and is deemed "offensive in all senses and combinations".

And yes, often it is. But outside the cities, you travel in the platteland (rural or country districts) you will find it in the mouths of almost every farmer you meet, used with calculated venom or unabashed affection. I do not know which is worse.

But then, again, it is impossible to understand the often poisonous relations between black and white during the past three cen-turies without familiarising oneself with the term and its remarkable variants.

I think such words might be liberated far more effectively by taking them out of the mouths of those to whom the sole right to use them has now been ceded: the coalition of bitterenders (diehards), religious crazies and messianic Boers who constitute the grumbling opposition to democracy by giving them back to those they set out to

Happily, when it comes to laying down the law as to what is and is not correct: the editors of the dictionary, have done, as Fowler did in the vexed matter of the hyphen, and chosen to wallow in the general confusion. They show themselves to be far more interested in recording and celebrating the varieties of South African English than deciding who should have their mouths washed out. Such mildness

And they are still rising high. Recently, the new government, following the example of apartheid, decided to enforce laws against "hate speech". Like their predecessors, this will do little to stop the hate and much to curtail free expression.

There is always a great gaseous cloud of rhetoric floating about easy talk of freedom of speech, and essential liberties in the new South Africa. The country remains the capital of cant and the home of humbug. The number of official languages has risen from two (Afrikaans and English) to eleven. It is called "indigeni-English) to eleven. It is called "indigent-sation", an ugly word for an empty notion. The idea is to emphasise languages unjustly neglected in the past. Zulu, say, which boasts more speakers than any other language. But the policy is likely to enhance the appeal of English, the one language unconnected to party or tribe language unconnected to party or tribe.

Afrikaans is now under threat. Hardly surprising that the tongue of the masters does not appeal to their former servants. It is scant consolation, perhaps, but a cross-section of the taal, ranging from racial epithets like kaffirboetie (little brother of black people) to amatory jokes: opsitkers (courting candle) and bellicose political war cries like baaskap (bosshood) as well as many of its choice vulgarities like the memorable basbefok (driven crazy by bush warfare) remains embedded in South African English. Odd to think that were Afrikaans to disappear tomorrow, a good deal would survive in the dictionary of the old enemy.

Oddness does not end there. One of the

pleasures of this compulsively readable work is to discover that all sorts of people, encouraged to hate and detest each other, have been borrowing bits of each other's languages for centuries. South African English, true to its mongrel tra-ditions, has simply stolen more thoroughly than any of the others. And that's why it will always offend one party or another.

For a long time, merely being an English speaker in South Africa was politically incorrect. The language itself was seen as



Poisonous relations: three girls oblivious to apartheid, photographed in 1950s Cape Town

it does not yet appear in the dictionary and remembering what is and is not offensive, I will translate my coinage as "an unnaturally fraternal feeling for people of African origin".

To the seditious popularity of English,

the former regime responded by banning English books, newspapers, attacking English churches and universities with ritual enthusiasm. This was regarded as perfectly fair. Yet whenever English speakers objected to living in a racial zoo designed to protect the mythical purity of Afrikaner nationalists, they were accused by their masters of giving way to Boerchaat (hatred of the Boers).

For a long time we were governed by

seditious, inclining its speakers towards what I'll call "kaffirboetiedom" And since police. Words and their meanings were crucial. The leaders of the rolling tribal coup which ran South Africa did not just take over the radio stations, they captured the dictionaries. Words were to mean what Ministers decided them to mean. Shoddy linguistic goods designed to disguise local lunacy. When the state intended to disenfranchise most of its citizens it declared them "independent". When it planned to murder them it

formed the "Civil Co-operation Bureau". It's good to have recorded here our very own idiot lingo: "parallel development".
"separate freedoms" and "National Christian Education". All as empty of Soviet era, right up there with "Interna- along the way.

tionalism" and "Enemy of the people".

I'd like to report that those days are gone. In fact the new broadcasting services seem as antique as ever to reflect and promote government policy. And obediently spray audiences with news as cloudy as soporitic gas, designed to pacify or confuse. A poem of mine, celebrating the agonies and fatuities of right wing bigotry was banned recently by the new SABC, just as once it had been banned by the old, a quarter of a century before. I claim a kind of record: the first writer to have work banned under both regimes.

South Africa has a way to go before people resist the urge to check their rifles when politicians talk of freedom. This meaning as the great sham lexicon of the essential book takes us several steps

## The Blair facts about Dickens and politics

Who would get the Great Inimitable's vote in a 1997 General Election? John Sutherland thinks New Labour has it

Dickens's Journalism Volume II, The Amusements of the People and Other Papers: Reports, Essays and Reviews 1834-51 edited by Michael Slater, Dent, £25

hy should I write for pos-terity", asked Oscar Wilde. terity as one of England's greatest what has posterity ever done for me?" Quite a lot, Wilde more attention to this facet of his scholars might retort, looking at the library shelves. But of all the Vicliance is partnered with the willingness to suppress ego that editorial labour demands, Pre-eminent in this group are Kathleen Tillotson, K. J. Fielding. Philip Collins and Michael Slater, who is now half-way through his four-volume collection of Dickens's journalism.

genius were it not obscured by his fame as a novelist. But journalism torians, the writer who has been is the most ephemeral of the literbest served by posterity is Charles ary arts. Even the best newspaper Dickens. His literary remains have writing loses its force and relevance been curated with the reverence within weeks. Wisely, Slater has not normally reserved for sacred relics. attempted a complete reprinting -Dickens has been particularly for- although he offers in his appendices tunate in attracting a corps of mod- an up-to-date checklist of all Dickem British scholars whose bril- ens's hitherto identified periodical writing. Since 19th-century journalism was routinely anonymous this, in itself, is a valuable resource for Dickensian scholars. Among its many attractions, this collection is impeccably edited and discreetly but amply annotated.

This second volume covers the Had he never penned a word of period from Dickens's first sub-

Morning Chronicle in 1834 to his first editorial essays for his own weekly, Household Words, in 1851. There is also a good selection from Dickens's fiery contributions to the Examiner in the late 1840s, many of which have only recently come to is) much better than before. So

Slater has been careful to include some of the familiar plums - "On Duty with Inspector Field", for instance, which reflects Dickens's fascination with "thief-takers" and lays the ground for the Inspector Bucket sub-plot in Bleak House. But the value of Slater's enterprise is that unlike previous selections it offers a chronological record of the fluidities in Dickens's thinking on current affairs over 17 intellectually formative years. The journalist who judges sending starving single poor) such as that at Tooting in strikes - particularly railway strikes. Dought emerges in the early 1850s is opin-mothers to the gallows for infanti
1848, where 150 children died of They are "unpatriotic" and cannot poised.

headed, but on most matters wonderfully sensible.

This is a book less to consult than to read through consecutively. Anyone who does so will, I think, know and society has made them so. Dickens (Dickens 1834-51, that much so that one can play the game of wondering who would get the Great Inimitable's vote in the forthcoming 1997 General Election. Is he a Blairite or a Majorite? One Reform Association. It's a fair can ignore the early pieces for the Morning Chronicle which are, to editorial order, rabidly anti-Tory. In the 1840s, Dickens emerges as something of a swing voter. On law and order, he is undeniably soft on the collection of the partial but her band or strictly but her some criminals, but hard on all the causes of crime. The spectacle of farms" (childcare centres for the

missions as a staff reporter on the ionated, and sometimes pig-cide, or transporting children for theft, regularly rouses him to furies of sarcasm. Why do the decent poor turn to criminal ways? - because they are ignorant and desperate

> There is little on political sleaze in the articles here, although much to come in 1855 when - following e corruption revealed by the Crimean War - Dickens becomes the hammer of the Administrative those attacking the parsimony of workhouses and laissez-faire "baby

cholera. An unexpected piece in be defended by "any honest man". March 1851 about the barbarous treatment of cattle in London's Smithfield slaughter-houses suggests that Dickens might have some sympathy for the Animal Rights Movement. The Liberal-Democ-

rats could be in with a chance. On the other hand, Charles Dickens in the 1840s is definitely anti-Europe - a continent which he sees as both tyrannic and revolutionary and best kept away from. For the same Europhobic reason he despises "the well-meaning men who would disarm England". Michael Portillo's "Don't mess with us" would find an answering echo from Dickens. He dislikes the Catholic Irish and would be staunchly pro-Union. Dickens hates

He would bash the unions as gleefully as any Chingford skinhead. Increasingly, as he approaches mid-dle-age, there is a streak in Dickens which believes that prison works. Not, that is, the Molly-coddling "model prisons" such as that set up at Pentonville in 1842 about which he writes a scathing piece ("Pet Prisoners") in 1850. Dickens believes, with Michael Howard, in the sharp shock - and for hardened criminals the shock should be very short, no longer than a body takes to drop ten feet.

My guess is that Dickens would. after much soul-searching, probably go for Blair - if only because New Labour will be friendlier to the homeless outside his house in Doughty Street. But it's nicely

## On the trail with Salman, Tristram and Pete

Lachlan Mackinnon relishes an 18th century classic in post-modernist guise The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy, Gentleman by Martin Rowson, Picador, £15.99

his is Martin Rowson's second graphic work based on a preceding literary text. His first. The Waste Land (1990), turned T.S. Eliot's poem into a film noir strip cartoon with dialogue in the style of Raymond Chandler. The last picture within the text shows a bust of Eliot on a scrapheap of cultural detritus: on the spine of a book are the letters "Piranes", and it is in a Piranesian cellar that we find ourselves at the start of Rowson's Tristrum Shandy, as though released from the hard exteriors of a poem he dislikes into the inner space of a

That sense of inner space proves to be misleading, though, The arches and vaults are in fact the inside of Walter Shandy's testicles, and he is about the business of begetting Tristram. Tristram leads his companions, including James Joyce, out of his mother's vagina as the act concludes.

Laurence Sterne's 18th-century novel parodies the association of ideas which John Locke had seen as structuring consciousness. Walter monthly, on the night he winds the family clock. In Rowson's version, Mrs Shandy has a gleeful thought of the clock opening its case like a flasher to reveal weights and pendulum metamorphosed into male genitals. One of Rowson's triumphs s to remind us how relentlessly physical the novel is.

the way in which Rowson's pictorial imagination takes off from Sterne's seemingly artless style. dashes, suggesting the flickering novel digresses, offers self-exculpa- Phutatorius, seemingly the Books tory diagrams of its progress, has one black and one marbled page. and contains seemingly endless par-

Shandy and his wife have sex march on relentlessly through Rowtalking dog Pete make the same journey, commenting on what they see and at times appearing in the same frame as the hero. This new More extraordinary, though, is level of narration adds a contemporary angle, as do the portrayals of living people. The servant Obadiah, for instance, is modelled on Sterne punctuates largely with Ben Pimlott: someone remarkably like Salman Rushdie drops the hot feel of his narrator's mind. The chestnut which falls into the lap of

Editor of this paper. From the moment Tristram leads and contains seemingly endless par-odic documents. In one sense, it is bedroom onto a blank space, contain a larger one.

easy to see it as the prototypical antinovel, and much in Rowson's treatment supports that view.

Tristram and his companions march on relentlessly through Rowson's version, seemingly oblivious of the several accidents they undergo. But Tristram's is not the only band of travellers across the work's surface. The cartoonist himself and his talking dog Pete make the same becomes a magnificent tribute to itoriginal, perhaps the most extracrdinary work in the history of illustrations to Sterne and a work in its

> But Sterne's novel was also a work of deep feeling which Rowson does less to convey. The amours of Uncle Toby and the Widow Wadman are at one level the subject of smut, as Rowson shows, but at another they are profoundly touching, which is not evident here. In the end, we leave Rowson's imaginative space to reopen the covers which



Low humour: Phutatorius falls foul of a hot chestnut



The book meant to

Candide (1759)by Voltaire

Plot: Voltaire's philosophical tale is also a miniaturised picaresque novel. Candide is a naive lad living in Westphalia, Pangloss, a disciple of Liebniz, teaches him that all things are part of God's beautiful design. Candide is thrown out of his country haven for fancying Cunegonde, the owner's daughter. Forcibly enlisted in the Bulgarian army, Candide is almost killed. He is depressed to learn from Pangloss that Cunegonde is dead. They go to Lisbon and witness an earthquake. Pangloss is hanged at a celebratory *auto-da fc* . Cunegonde turns up. She has become a sex toy. Candide kills her lovers. The pair escape to South America but are again separated. Candide visits Eldorado, before returning to Europe with Martin, a gloomy inversion of Pangloss, who believes the world is ruled by the devil. Eventually Candide is reunited with a distigured Cunegonde and with Pangloss who survived hanging to remain as jolly as ever. They all retire to a rural retreat where Pangloss continues to praise the "best of all possible worlds." Candide replies: "we must cultivate our garden."

Theme: A satire on systems of thought which are not founded on experience. Voltaire also despises the notion of a God who could dispense suffering for the sake of some higher good. Conversely, humanity's irrational resilience is celebrated.

Style: A model of clarity. The use of euphemism paradoxically exposes the hortors of the real world.

Chief strengths: An analysis of the unreasonable desire to rationalise suffering. Characters are nearly killed. ermanently crippled, forced to witness unspeakable horrors, yet bounce back with insane elasticity.

Chief weaknesses: When Voltaire gets hold of a joke he is unwilling to let go.

What they thought of it then: Topped the 18th century bestseller lists with 20 pirated editions coming out in 1759, together with English and Italian translations,

What we think of it now: Admired in France because it reflects the qualities the French most admire in themselves: lightness of touch coupled with

philosophical profundity.

Responsible for: Waugh's Decline and Fall which similarly pits a naive optimist against a hostile world.

**Gavin Griffiths** 



The books

Brush up on your Conrad, next year's most fashionable classic author. with a reading of The Secret Agent (HarperCollins, 3hrs. £7.99), his tale of revolutionary terrorism inspired by the bombing of Greenwich Observatory in 1894. Joss Ackland's voice is

mesmerising. George Orwell spent five years in the Indian Imperial Police in Burma in the 1930s. His Burmese Days (Penguin, 3hrs, £7.99) tells how a corrupt Burmese magistrate manipulates the snobby Brits into betraying an Indian doctor's misplaced confidence in the honour of the Raj. Tim Piggot-Smith is

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## A musical magic circle

Sarah Bradford reads the life of an Edwardian Lady with a taste for scandal

Violet: The Life and Loves of Violet Gordon Woodhouse by Jessica Douglas-Home, Harvill, £20

ven today a woman who lived openly and in style with a harem of four men, three of them younger than herself, would be considered out of the ordinary. But then Violet Gordon Woodhouse, the subject of this biography, was an extraordinary woman to whom normal rules (in her view at least) did not apply. In her eyes and those of her friends, her unique artistry on the harpsi-chord and clavichord, coupled with an alluring and dominating personality, entirely justified what to Edwardian soci-

ety was an uniquely scandalous way of life. Violet was undoubtedly an enchantress, both in her magical musical powers and her ability to enslave men and women, husbands, lovers, servants, friends. At the time people attributed this to her exotic Indonesian ancestry, her maternal grandfather married the granddaughter of a Sumatran rance. Violet was exceptionally graceful, small, slim and dark, with brown eyes and jet-black hair (which later in life she dyed an astonishing steely blue). There was, however, nothing exotic about her father's family. The Gwynnes owned an engineering company, Gwynne & Co, based on their invention of the centrifugal pump. James Gwynne (Violet's father) married her mother, May Purvis, against ferocious family opposition undoubtedly based on suspicions about her mixed blood. He was a stubborn, practical man: among his wedding presents to his delicate, romantic bride who was suspected of being tubercular, was the prosaic gift of a respirator.

James Gwynne's ascent to the squirearchy mirrored the rise of the middle classes from trade to landowning typical of the Victorian age. He bought two East Sussex manors, Folkington Place and Wootton, steadily acquiring land from neighbouring aristocrats until by the end of his life it could be said that "the hunt could run all day without ever leaving she realised that marriage was her only Squire Gwynne's boundaries." At Folk-route to independence and self-fulfilment. ington there were Canalettos on the walls and a fine library, hothouses, and stables for 20 horses. James was a tyrannical and unsympathetic husband and father in the kindness, loyal devotion and an income Victorian mode. Violet was the only one of his seven children never to suffer from his black moods and fits of temper, she of seven. By the time she was 20 she was moving in musical circles and occasionally



Violet: orchestrating her affairs at Southover Manor with husband Gordon (left) and Bill Barrington, her lover

playing in public. She longed to be allowed to play professionally but this her father would never allow, despite her horror when told the facts of life by her mother,

When she was 23, she set her sights on Gordon Woodhouse, in whom she detected the qualities she needed in a husband large enough to support her. Gordon was shy and not very interested in women. Violet made it clear from the start that their

Gordon gave Violet lifelong devotion on her own terms, not even seeming to mind when she fell in love with the Hon William Barrington, heir to an Oxfordshire estate, and he with her. Gordon accepted his wife's

obsession with Barrington; by 1901 they were living in a contented ménage à troi at Southover, a household financed and run by Gordon, while Violet concentrated on her music and her role as goddess of the shrine and Bill developed his talent for garden design. It was not long before it could beguile her father into giving her marriage was to be platonic and he almost anything she wanted. She was the accepted it. She was already an object of desire for lesbians, although it is not clear the desire for lesbians, although it is not clear the desire for lesbians, although it is not clear the desire for lesbians. Tollemache joined the circle. Hovering in

let's real "husband".

Violet's exotic life-style is given added poignancy by being described through the eyes of her plain spinster sister, Dorothy. who cherished an unrequited tendresse for Gordon. "Bobo" as she called Violet, remained to her an object of wonderment as, with exquisite selfishness and absolute single-mindedness, she created her own image, indulging her taste for unusual and expensive clothes and objects, and developed her musical talent.

On a typical day in London, she would spend the morning practising then sally real importance. With skilful use of letters forth to Fortnum and Mason, accompanied by her "tail" of four adorers who would compete with each other to buy her pretion; she was undoubtedly a flirt and the wings would be Violet's female ador- sents. Music was at the centre of her life, encouraged adoration in both men and ers. It was tacitly accepted that Bill was Vio- she was friends with Delius, Sir Thomas

Beecham, the composer. Ethel Smyth (who of course fell in love with her). Dolmetsch. Diaghilev. She gave Sunday concerts at her house in London, where, among others, the young Osbert Sitwell, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen were transfixed by her performances.

World War One broke up the magic circle; Denis was captured. Max killed and Bill sent to the Middle East. A combination of the war and Violet's extravagance had such a severe effect on Gordon's finances that Violet was forced to play for money; in her late 40s she was at the zenith of her abilities and much in demand. Delius wrote of her that she was "a real artist - who plays the harpsichord most beautifully and plays us all the lovely English music of the 15th and 16th centuries - also Bach and Scarlatti." In the post-war years her skills reached new heights, touching even the unmusical, like Roger Fry. During World War Two she developed an intense relationship with Sacheverell Sitwell who encouraged her in a late-flowering passion for Domenico Scarlatti.

Jessica Douglas-Home has a real gift for the evocation of the spirit of place, particularly in the chapters on Violet's post-war life with Gordon, Bill and Denis at Nether Lypiatt in Gloucestershire, their home from 1923 to the end of their lives. Her descriptions of the house and surrounding countryside come alive, as do the Arts and Crafts circles in Gloucestershire, the "Artists of the Golden Valley" patronised by Violet. Gordon Woodhouse having been cut out of his mother's will because of her disapproval of Violet's ménage, Violet had her usual stroke of luck when the butler murdered Gordon's sisters and their inheritance passed to him. She could now afford every luxury; visitors to Nether Lypiatt were struck by the wonderful food orchestrated by Gordon, the beauty of the garden created by Bill, and the sight of Violet's two Pekingese being taken for a drive in her chauffeur-driven Daimler. Jessica Douglas-Home brilliantly illuminates Violet's life and the intricacies of her friendships while never losing sight of the impor-

tance to her of her music. Violet was a monster but nonetheless a life-enhancer and a performance artist of and diaries and painstaking research, Douglas-Home has contrived an entrancing portrait of this unusual woman which will enchant even those who are uninterested

## Neil desperandum at the court of King Rupert

Andreas Whittam Smith ponders the point of a vainglorious memoir

Full Disclosure by Andrew Neil, Macmillan, £20

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ndrew Neil has written an account of his eleven years as Heditor of the Sunday Times from 1983 in order to prove something. He wants us to know that he did a fine job and he wishes us to understand the malign reasons which led Rupert Murdoch to ease him out. For my part, I hoped to discover the mainspring of Neil's character. Why did he produce news pages which were animated by hate? The editor and his team seemed to detest many of the people and institutions about whom the Sunday Times wrote and wanted to persuade the readers to loathe them too. And why is a man with so many achievements to his name so vainglorious? He claims to be more impressed by deeds than words, and yet he feels compelled to write a 470-page justification of

Neil thinks there is a diseased establishment in power. At grammar school in Paisley and university, he mar school in Paisley and university at Glasgow he developed a dislike pepartment in London. In other for the "peculiar combination of beginning to the snobbery and incompetence" which he believes characterises the Establishment's front door. Politics, he believes characterises the Establishment (which he sometimes calls that a means of rising in the world. lishment seemed to be presiding thoch picks him to be editor of the over decline and thus offended the Sanday Times at the age of 34. This patriotism my parents had instilled is the primrose path. in me." He lumps together the pub. But it had led him to a destinalic school system and Oxbridge, not . tion even more disagreeable than seeing that the former is in retreat the Establishment; for he has while people like himself have long arrived at the "Court of the Sun dominated the two ancient English King". Neil gives the best account universities. In his view, the meri- I know, outside the history of totaltocracy had made great gains but itarian states, of what it is like to was being driven back by High work in a situation in which all Tories and a left-wing chattering class. Yet you can agree with all this without burning with hatred...

about his parents (plain, decent folk), about his brother (who was tolerant and enjoyed their father's good nature) and about his upbringing ( a happy, uncompli-cated childhood). There seems nothing in his early days to explain



frew Neil: removed because he became too famous?

English and sometimes British). He soon goes to the Economist, Lazy and complacent, the Estab. from where, ten years later, Mur-

power is held by a single person. Strong-willed, successful, first generation entrepreneurs often behave By contrast Neil writes sweetly as dictators. The advantages are quick decision-making, daring strategies and a permanent state of high alert. It is also cruel, heartless, humiliating and draining of the

personalities of those involved. As Neil puts it, you are not a

King as long as you serve his purpose, dismissed outright or demoted to a remote corner of the empire when you have ceased to please him or outlived your usefulness. He may intervene in matters great or small. He is constantly on your mind. "I wonder how the King is today" is the first question a good courtier asks himself when he wakes up. However the courtiers themselves soon become worse than His Majesty. He is brutal with them; they are, if anything, even more unpleasant to their underlings. Neil admits that he himself was quick to penalise failure and slow to praise success; he became a "harsh, unforgiving editor". Nor is there any trust between courtiers; they will always ditch a colleague to obtain the King's favour. I had understood that this was how Murdoch's media empire worked. Neil has provided compelling detail. The next stage in this autobio-

money and status by a grateful

graphical project is to prove how good the Sunday Times was during our hero's period as editor. With dignified Neil whose account of his director or manager or an editor: the figures for circulation, paging the dark side of his character. Nor you are a courtier - rewarded with and advertising revenue, the case is

easily made. But we are also treated to a rehashing of old Sunday Times campaigns and stories. This serves to jog the memory rather than to provide fresh insights. It comes across as boastful, and lacking in nuance. Newspapers are said to write the first rough draft of history; Neil just gives us the same, uncorrected versions again.

Finally, we come to the point of the book. Neil was removed, he argues, because he was becoming too famous. He says he was warned early in 1994: "Rupert resents you becoming a public figure in your own right". Murdoch, he believed, bridled every time word reached him in America that Neil had been on radio or television. The courtier was becoming too powerful, too independent. This was the true reason, Neil argues: Murdoch felt he was losing control of the Sunday

I do not buy this story. Neil had begun to present the early morning news show on a London talk station. The owner of the Sunday Times had every right to resent this and believe that it was a diversion of his editor's creative energy. Moreover, newspaper owners generally welcome the sort of fame that came Neil's way as a result of having to defend and explain the newspaper on television and radio and be interviewed on the big issues of the day. It is seen as free, prime time publicity, indeed nowadays journalists who cannot handle this side of the job are unlikely to become editors. It is hard to believe that Murdoch has a different view.

However it scarcely matters that Full Disclosure fails to convince in the way Neil wishes. Leaving aside the occasional repetition which indicates undue baste in writing and editing, the book is very readable and interesting. As well as the angry, boastful Andrew Neil, we also meet the modest, self-knowing, affair with Pamela Bordes is beau-

tifully and affectingly told.

## Cry Mother, if you will...

D J Taylor on nuns and honeymoons

Ripples of Dissent: Women's Stories of Marriage from the 1890s edited by Bridget Bennett, Dent, £25

ficial flowerings of the 1980s fin de siècle we tend to forget the existence of another kind of late-19th century ferment: agitation over the role of women. Although it is difficult to think of a time in the past 150 years when English society wasn't exercised by this absorbing topic, Bridget Bennett's lead-in to her aptly-titled collection has no trouble in demonstrating that in the 1890s it reached boiling point. Mainstream literature of the period is full of idiosyncratic. deracinated female figures. whether "New Women" like Hardy's Sue Bridehead, rebelling against conventional social arrangements, or the "superfluous female" of the Victorian census return who provided George Gissing with the theme for his grim novel, *The Odd Women*.

Ripples of Dissent assembles a variety of feminine magazine stories on the woman - specifically marriage - question, chosen equally from English and American sources. While they range from the out-wardly conventional to the indisputably prophetic, nearly all of them manage to call into question one or other of the 19th century's sexual orthodoxies. Most ominous of all, perhaps, is the note of resentment levelled by younger women at the elders who betrayed them - the heroine of George Egerton's "Virgin Soil", for example, who comes back to reproach the mother who encouraged her to marry a brute coupled with a desire to escape the horrors of the average late-Victorian honeymoon, Janey, in Margaret Oliphant's "A Story of a Wedding Tour", travelling with her ghastly husband, simply gives him the slip

and takes refuge in a French village. Not everything here is as explicit as the recriminations of Egerton's Flo ("Cry. Mother, if you will: you don't know how much you have to cry for"). Yet even the quieter contributions are directed at the notion of independence: Mary Wilkins Freeman's "A New England Nun". is a paperback worth waiting for.

n our excitement over the arti- for instance, in which a woman whose engagement has lasted for the 14 years of her fiance's absences abroad, rejects the man on his return merely as a means of preserving her settled and agreeable existence. Interestingly, the bound-aries being extended here are mostly those of subject matter rather than treatment - and no doubt the moral ukases of the contemporary magazine market still prohibited anything like a realistic discussion of sex.

Inevitably, one or two of the 31 stories don't really fit into the subversive category chosen by their compiler: Violet Jacob's "Prudence and Colonel Dormer" is just an engaging account of a young woman being helped to meet the right man, while E Nesbit's "John Charrington's Wedding" is a gruesome story in which - as far as one can make out - the girl marries her bridegroom two hours after the latter's death in a carriage acci-

You wonder too, about the wisdom (literary, that is - it makes perfect sense commercially) of including some of the American material. given the profound differences in social conditions and outlook. Tommy in Willa Cather's "Tommy the Unsentimental", is less a teenage feminist rebelling against her place in society. than a specimen of the "tomboy", a staple of early American fiction.

Individual gems stand out. In particular, "Suggestion" by Ada Leverson is a revelation: six or seven pages of glittering chatter placed in the mouth of a decadent young teenage boy busy rearranging the love lives of members of his family in an atmosphere of cheery amorality, and a kind of pontoon bridge linking the '90s twilight with the proto-modernism of Ronald Firbank. Elegantly produced and edited, and with excellent biographical notes, Ripples of Dissent fails only at the price hurdle. But whatever the merits of charging £25 for a hardback that involved no

copyright payments to authors, this

splendidly pukka sahib.

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## the shouting

Harry Pearson looks back on the cricket World Cup

n 31st January 1996 a suicide bombing in Colombo killed over 80 people. Meanwhile in Lahore the local authorities were brightening up their city by placing thousands of gaily coloured papier mache mushrooms along roadside verges. In Delhi Rupert Murdoch's men were locked in a protracted battle for satellite TV rights. Over in Calcutta the Peerless Hotel offered a special cricket menu featuring "Malik's Fishy Bribe\*.

Somehow in the midst of all this violence, high finance, scandal and surreal hype a major cricket competition managed to get played. The winners, joyfully, were the Sri Lunkans in whose war-torn country the beaten finalists, Australia had steadfastly refused to play. Shane Warne, the Sri Lankan Foreign Minister had opined of the Australians' star bowler, is a

The 1996 World Cup in all its mad, multi-sponsored splendour is the subject of a pair of illuminating and entertaining books, Robert Winder's Hell For Leather and War Minus The Shooting by Mike Marqusee. It is a measure of the breadth of the tournament and the very different approaches of the authors that there is remarkably little overlap between the two. Marqusee, an American socialist who developed a passion for the game when visiting India in the 1970s tries to "find out about cricket and what it meant to particular people in particular places", with the added proviso of avoiding watching England at all costs, sensible chap.

Winder, as a cricket writer for this newspaper, was, on the other hand, following the team which Sunil Gavaskar would, with cruel accuracy, characterise as "the competition's sacrificial goats", and understandably therefore, takes as his main theme the parlous state of the English game.

Mike Marqusee has a detailed knowledge of the and War Minus The Shooting (Heinemann, £12.99) - the title comes from George Orwell's jaundiced comment on the nature of international sport - serves as a useful and eyeopening primer. The book attempts to place the World Cup within its social framework while at the same time highlighting the way its financial power served to bolster the cause of economic globalisation. It is an aim which might have set lesser writers down a path towards carnestness, but Marqusee's keen ear for the absurder aspects of corporate-speak (after the horror of the Colombo bombing an official from World Bank was moved to comment: "We hope Sri Lanka will come through this difficult period by adopting correct financial policies"). his zest for cricket and his obvious love for the

countries through which he is travelling ensure that this is a journey which is educational but never dull.

Reports on matches are interspersed with wide ranging chats and interviews with everyone from schoolchildren to high officials. Best of all is a meeting with the venerable Pakistani cricket commentator, Omar Kureishi, who tells the author: "Only two things really bind this country (Pakistan) together. One is war and the other is cricket". It is to be hoped that, if nothing else. War Minus The Shooting will serve finally to disayow anyone still innocent (or indeed cynical) enough to espouse the view that sport has nothing to do with

Unlike Margusee, Robert Winder was experiencing sub-continental cricket for the first time. Where War Minus The Shooting ricochets off events at various unexpected angles, Hell For Leather: A Modern Cricket Journey (Gollancz, £17.99) tends to meet cricket with the centre of the bat and is none the worse for it.

Winder spends much of the early part of the competition with the England team and provides a vivid account of their unsteady progress through a string of disastrous performances and diplomatic gaffs. The author is broadly sympathetic to the players, commenting, acutely and accurately, that years of playing cricket has left them "institutionalised by the

But along with empathy there is wry humour too. particularly when England's cricket supremo, Ray Illingworth, hoves into view with his matchless mix of bluffness, bafflement and buck-passing - "That was Mike's decision" seems to be his catchphrase. The account of the shambolic opening ceremony and it's aftermath - organiser Gianfranco Lunetta should, wrote one Indian newspaper, "be tied Calcutta" - is a comic gem.

That something has gone seriously wrong with English cricket is undeniable. The poor state of our national summer game is perhaps best summed up in Winder's account of a meeting before the South Africa-England clash between the South African High Commissioner and Dennis Silk, Chairman of the TCCB. "May the best team win," the South African says. "I hope not," Silk

replies.
Winder outlines the problems of English cricket with clarity and concision and details possible farreaching solutions to them. too. Whatever becomes of the game on these shores, however, both authors agree that the centre of the cricket world has now shifted from Lords to South Asia, With the zest and passion for the game that exists there, that is surely no bad thing.

## All overs bar Pinned and wriggling

Oliver Swanton skateboards through the supermarket of style

Style Surfing by Ted Polhemus, Thames & Hudson, £14.95, The Customized Body by Ted Polhemus and Housk Randall, Serpent's Tail, £15.99

pologist and true to the profession he has spent years living amongst the peoples he has dedicated his life to observing, submerging himself in their culture and desperately trying to decipher their strange tribal ways. But not, you understand, on the wide-open African savannah or in the deepest, darkest Peruvian jungle. Since the mid-Seventies Polhemus has spent his energies clubbing in London, now officially (again) the fashion capital of the universe. The styleconscious British youth has long been a source of amazement to the world and Polhemus is equally bewitched. Cataloguing their every move he makes a good stab at unravelling the ultimate question: why do they wear what they wear?

Like his Street Style book and exhibition at the V&A, The Customized Body and Style Surfing are both glossy, visually stunning books; easy, quasi-intellectual reading that will sit as well on the coffee table as on the social studies shelf of the university library. Polhemus is obsessed with human packaging and the pre-sentation of self ("a person's chosen image is a more effective resumé of Supermarket of Style". their inner self than anything they there with the kids, hanging out with the movers and shakers.

By breaking up the text of each book with "case studies" from Tokyo
to New York to Manchester, PolheBut Polhemus is blinded by the brilbook with "case studies" from Tokyo mus provides a much wider, more There's Sally with sixteen rings piercing her labia; Xed with a bolt through his penis; Lazer who wears brushed over hip hop - the biggest nothing but florescent paint and jewellery; fetish-obsessive Kaisu who nurses the erotically wounded; Tina whose gender is non-specific; Chris and his BMX bike: Marrisa and her Mexican wrestling masks.

Polhemus' triumph is his exploration of the Modern Primitive. Reevaluating and reviving tattoo, scarification, piercing, masks and body-paint, the Modern Primitive reacts violently against bland massconsumerism. Seeking an individual and wholly unique look, they desperately search for association with, and membership of, a style tribe.

Fashion used to celebrate progress,

'ed Polhemus is an anthro- revelling in its expression of modemism: Dior's 1947 launch of the New Look drew a bold, thick line between the austerity of the war years and the luxurious, sexy Fifties. But what's left for today's generation as they speed towards the end of the millennium? Burdened by the economic and environmental and political havoc wreaked by the baby boomers they know that the next century holds nothing but insurmountable problems. Unable and unwilling to stare the future down, they recycle youth cults and ancient tribal customs, trying to make sense of their

Although Polhemus is not the first to spot the trend (Douglas Coupland's Generation X'er Claire also picked 'n' mixed - Sixties hippie chick yesterday, Fifties housewife today. Seventies glam rock tomorrow) his is the more comprehensive. Teenagers now have no choice but to surf (as in "channel surfing" or "surf the net") popular culture because the linear transition of fashion ended with the advent of punk. Everything that followed was merely a rehashed version of the past. A shopping trip through what Pollhemus calls. The

Although his observations are may put into words") but thankfully enlightening Polhemus places too he does not make dry pronounce-ment from on high - he is down ment. He may well think that punk said it all, leaving nothing left for Eighties youth: the age of the teen did die as the demographic blip of liance of the so-called inventors of acceptable summary of where it's at. punk, Westwood and McLaren. He has taken punk's battle cry of "No Future" too literally and completely and most important street culture to take the world by storm; currently being recycled within the vibrant British jungle and skateboard scenes.

Youth culture has not run out of steam yet. There may never be a Next Big Thing, but that is because today's youth have learnt not to be duped and, manipulated by fashion gurus who announce "beige is the new black". As Polhemus acknowledges, street style now bubbles up to the catwalk rather than the other way round. So whatever we'll be wearing in the third millennium you can rest assured you won't see it at the London Fashion Show first.



Matt, from The Customized Body: "I enjoy the feeling of power and inner peace it gives me"

## A delectable literary pursuit

Christopher Hawtree picks over a store of allusions

A Gentleman Publisher's Commonplace Book by John G Murray, John Murray, £9.95

monplace book. That is, within the book and volume of the toney. Meet as it is to set these down, Evelyn Waugh remarked that "the keeping of such a book is a delectable literary pursuit - very rare nowadays - which requires many high gifts if it is to be worthwhile."

One regrets that he did not do so. but they are not so rare as all that, and some gifted compilers even proffer a version in their lifetimes. Justification for this came from Rupert Hart-Davis who prefaced A Beggar in Purple with a 1642 remark embellished with many drawings by by Thomas Fuller: "a Common- Beryl Cook, Betjeman, Osbert Lanplace-book contains many notions in caster and John Piper. Edited by

Il of us carry about a com- garrison, whence the owner may draw out an army into the field." When millions are demanded for brain there is a store of quotation purported novels under the names and allusions to be deployed when of purported celebrities, it is com-the occasion calls for something bative to name this delightful, elegantly-produced little garrison A Gendeman Publisher's Commonplace Book. It is not a volume akin to those of Auden and Forster, which are built upon substantial extracts, or even to that one of brief items chosen by Wallace Stevens to form something as satisfyingly elliptical as his poetry. The late John ("Jock") Murray is more in the spirit of the volumes of Christmas Crackers by his friend John Julius Norwich. It is

Murray's son, it continues the family passion for typeface and design,
- but does not reveal whether he shares the "strong belief that the best results were achieved if one was

unhindered by clothes." Careful to put the word in quotation-marks, Murray's son suggests that one "surf" the volume. Donning shorts, here goes. Unlike Geoffrey Braithwaite, Jock Murray did not forbid the inclusion of Logan Pearsall Smith's "People say life is the thing, but I prefer reading." There is ample evidence here that Murray was far from study-bound. He even credits a phrase to John Lennon, difficult as it is to picture his listening to Double Fantasy and tapping along to Yoko's organic cries before the needle reached "Beautiful Boy".

He is delighted to find a sign in Westmoreland butcher's window: "John Murray, seller of tripe." An American couple, married for 65 years, said that they had not divorced sooner as "we felt we ought to wait until the children were dead." "Laugh and the the world laughs with you. Snore and you sleep alone" is credited to Anthony Burgess, who was surprised to find the same mistake in a dictionary of quotations, "but I'm not grumbling." Maurice Baring recorded one doctor asking another for advice about a pregnancy. "The father was syphilitic, the mother tuberculous. Of the children born the first was blind, the second died,

the third was deaf and dumb, the

would you have done?' 'I would have ended the next pregnancy." Then you would have murdered Beethoven.

Agatha Christie was wittier than many suppose: "the advantage of being married to an archaeologist is that the older you get, the more interested he becomes in you." One might indeed discern an undertow of decay and death, summed up by John Giel-gud. "Most of my friends seem to be either dead, extremely deaf or living

on the wrong side of Kent."

One could review this volume several times and come up with a different piece each time. In fact, it is worth buying for the disinterring of Rose Macaulay's observation that "a house unkempt cannot be so disfourth was tuberculous. What tressing as a life unlived."

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By Christopher Hirst and Lucasta Miller

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Thinking of England by Kitty Churchill (Abacus, £6.99) A game sort of gai,

Miss Kitty has produced a Which-style guide to the kinky foibles of England's unbuttoned suburbs. Lugging along her (literally) long-suffering husband Dominic and gay pal Ben. she assiduously seeks out 57 varieties of bondage, fetishism and dressing-up. The result is more peculiar than arousing, rather like an account of native ceremonies in New Guinea. It is also most amusing but you can tell that Kitty's heart isn't really in it: "In six months, I amassed a grand

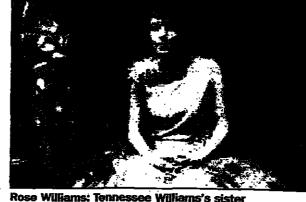
A Pacifist's War by Frances Partridge (Phoenix, £6.99) The customary astringent wit of Partridge's diary is only intermittently displayed

total of two orgasms related

to research."

in this dark, brooding volume. At the heart of the book is a vicious row with fellow Bloomsburyite Gerald Brenan about the Partridges' pacifism (Ralph P fought bravely in World War I). Some lighter entries might have come from Alan Bennett's Fony Years On: "During an appalling raid, Hester heard two voices discussing German airmen: They say they're heavily made-up, you know, red nails, lipstick.' CRASH. BOOM, BANG!"

Sir Phoebus's Ma by Zoe Teale (Phoenix, £5.99) Pleasingly unpretentious autobiographical first novel about a 22-year-old London girl who spends a year teaching English at a high school in Japan. As well as



Rose Williams: Tennessee Williams's sister

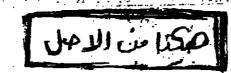
the expected culture shock, the heroine has to deal with the unwanted attentions of Mr Moriya, her greasy middle-aged department head. She spends much of the novel trying to figure out what she means to him: substitute daughter, romantic attachment or the personification of Englishness - in the end, facing up to the realisation that she is as fixated on him

as he is on her.

The Private Parts of Women by Lesley Glaister (Bloomsbury, £5.99) Sex and secrets dominate this macabre exploration of female identity. In a fit of self-loathing following an abortion, Inis runs away from her busband and children and ends up living in a dreary Sheffield street. Her next door neighbour is Trixie, an octogenarian Bible-basher suffering from multiple-personality

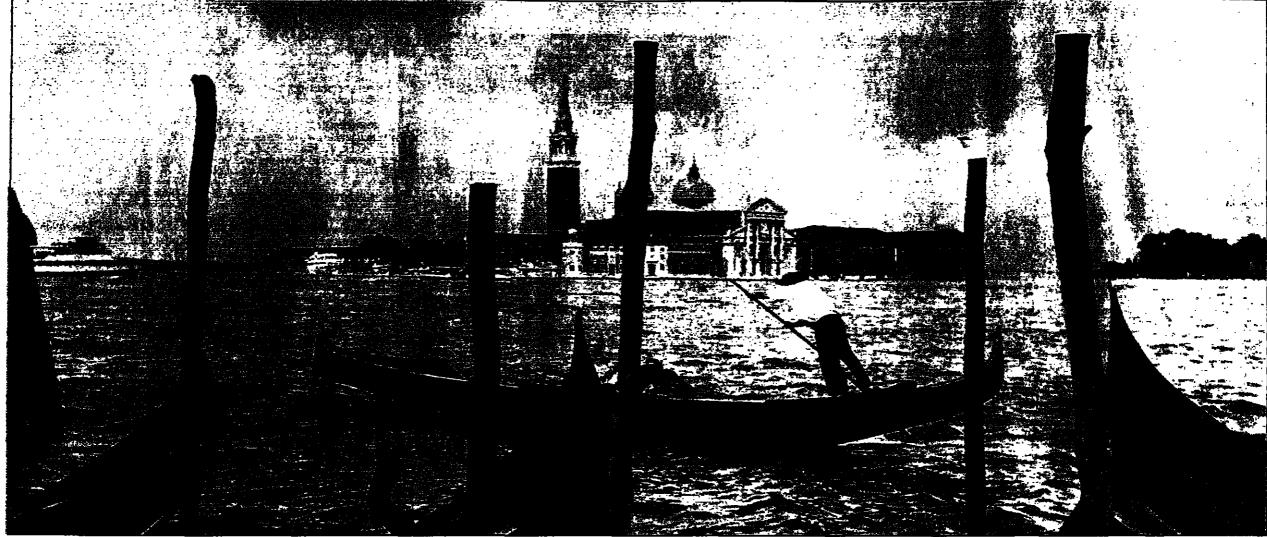
disorder. The style is stream-of-consciousness, but the plot remains tight enough to give this horror story the sustained momentum of a

Asking Questions: an anthology of encounters with Naim Attallah (Quartet, £12.50) These are shrewdly conducted question-andanswer sessions, which read like conversations not interrogations. Of the 25 interviews, Lord Dacre confesses to snobbery, Ernst Gombrich hints sadly at emptiness in his personal life, and Quentin Crisp, after a lifetime of unfulfilment. reveals his disillusion with sexual intercourse ("often actually painful, sometimes uncomfortable, sometimes



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## The finest secrets of Venice

By Jonathan Glancey

apart from making trips with figuration couples, every one of these elaborately are a foreigner at Da Mori: you will be gilded craft spends its day ferrying the only person able to walk through the intensely-scheduled groups of Japanese tourists up and down the Grand Canal. At the prices asked by the singing gon-dolleri, gondolas are, for the rest of us, a

mus produce is prived me

forbidden form of transport. Luckily, old gondolas are employed as traghetti, or ferries, to take shoppers backwards and forwards across the Grand Canal at several points, and all for the bargain price of 200 lire - rather less than 10p. It is astonishing that this open secret is so little seized upon by day trippers and visitors on weekend breaks. For here is one of those near-perfect moments when, standing upright in a tipsy gondola insinuating its way between vaporetti, and string bag in hand, one can pretend to be one of the 70,000 or so surviving locals.

My favourite traghetto ride is across the Grand Canal to and from the fish and fruit and vegetable markets at Rialto. Not only are the market stalls a powerful sensual stimulus at six in the morning, when most tourists are snoozing in the city's costly hotels, but as the food in most Venetian restaurants is horrid - stale, overcooked and over-priced, as it has been since British tourists first arrived here in the 18th century - they are something of a

Most of Venice's best kept secrets are hidden well away from the Grand Canal. although after a trip to the markets, dip into Da Mori, a bar frequented almost exclusively by Venetians, and in particu- churches knocked about a bit by

nave a reaso Venetian dialect, everyone will know you narrow door to the street without having to turn sideways. Unlike effete Brits, the working men of Venice are endowed with some of the broadest shoulders this side of the pages of Marvel comic books.

Suitably refreshed at Da Mori (try the local sweet, fizzy red wine, which is excellent on an autumn day), set off in search of secret Venice. On my biennial trips to the city, I rarely pass by the shabby-looking church of San Pantalon without stopping by to gawp at the extraordinary Baroque painting that fills its dark and

lofty ceiling. A 200 lire coin in the light-box brings Gian Antonio Fumiani's operatic trompel'oeil to all-singing, all-dancing life. Angels and saints appear to cavort up into the heavens, while others dangle their canvas legs over the side of the cornice above the veiled heads of black-clad ladies chanting decats of the rosary. This is much better than telly, but you will need to have a store of 200 lire coins in your coat pocket to keep this late-17th-century version of cinerama glowing in front of your incredulous eyes. The bravura painting seems all the more poignant when you learn that, after toiling at it for 24 years, Fumiani fell

to his death from the scaffolding. There is nothing left of the painter's work today save what you see above you, which is quite enough for any British tourist brought up in a world of chaste

enetian children have taken to lar by gondolieri imbering up for the day's Cromwell and strict, disciplinary chapels, these are almost too easy to find (upstairs den on San Francesco del Deserto, it is heaped and cheap plates of fish stew, liver calling gondolas "Japanese lucrative "O solo mio"s with a stringent. There is, however, a butcher's block of at the Accademia, first room on your left), worth remembering that Venice is home and relenta saintly relics scattered throughout the rest highly the tiny niche in a dark corner of SS Giovanni e Paolo, the city's cavernous 14th-century Dominican church, in which you find the foot of St Catherine, flesh peeling off tiny bones like old parchment. Nor should you miss St Nicetus, an

early Romanian bishop whose engagingly gruesome cadaver, cloaked in ecclesiastical splendour, rests away the centuries in the the venerable church of S Nicolò dei Mendicoli (the church of Santa Claus, or Father Christmas, whose bones the Venetians claimed to have rescued more than a thousand years ago); the saint was "chiuso per il restauro" for some years, but is happily back in this pretty little church in the shadow of the city jail, where few tourists tread.

The most easily overlooked churches are those at the eastern end of the city, beyond the Arsenale, the old dockyards where the ships of the once invincible Venetian navy were built (a number 5 bus takes you through the Arsenale; otherwise it remains a military zone, and only a letter to the admiral in charge will allow you to visit here on foot). Here, by the municipal gasworks, is San Francesco della Vigna (started by Sansovino in 1534; completed by Palladio in 1572). Inside - you will normally be the only tourist - is one of my favourite paintings, the joyous Madonna and Child Enthroned by Antonia la Negroponte (1450), in which the Virgin poses in a rose bower flanked by orange trees. She is not as fine as Bellini's Madonnas (the artist's gorgeous, pouting mistress stood in for the BVM), but

Anain some anonymous 13th-century mosaic artist, shimmers in gold and blue from the apse of Torcello Cathedral; this is the austere, yet magnetic deconsecrated church on the remote island of Torcello (number 12 bus from Fondamente Nuove) which also hosts an epic and truly disturbing 12th-century Apotheosis of Christ and Last Judgement on its west wall; you can almost feel the slathering jaws of hell sink-ing into your worthless flesh as you quake before this medieval nightmare.

On the subject of islands on the fringe of Venice, there are three others I would recommend, but the last comes with a proviso. The first is San Francesco del Deserto (gondola from Burano, reached by a number 12 from Fondamente Nuove) to visit the lovely garden tended here by the Franciscan monks. The second is San Lazzaro degli Armeni (number 10 from Riva degli Schiavoni), where Armenian monks will, if you ask nicely, show you their revelatory collection of books and manuscripts. Some date back to the fifth century and are a privilege to be able to read in the sanctity of the venerable

library here. My third island is a difficult one. Not only must you negotiate a trip over to Lazzaretto Vecchio by punt (not easy), but you must also endeavour not to return with a stray dog in tow - so long as the British quarantine laws continue. For here, among classical architectural fragments, Venice hides its canine waifs and strays, and a pathetic spectacle it makes. Having met the monks and their gar-

Another exceptional Madonna is the to a bed of exquisite gardens, nearly all flanking the city's shoulder-wide alleyways. Or, in the case of the romantic vegetable garden cultivated behind Palladio's Il Redentore (that most perfect church, consecrated in 1592 and built to celebrate

the end of the plague of 1575-76 that killed 46,000 Venetians) behind a monument visited by countless tourists, precious few of whom know what greenery sprouts in the shadow of its Byzantine

By now you will be tired and hungry; after all, we have covered a fair amount of ground, or water, in search of secret Venice. May I recommend lunch at the Rosticceria San Bartolomeo (Calle della Bissa, off Campo San Bartolomeo)? You of Venetians; join them as they tuck into greatest Venetian secret of all.

ing trips to see the Venetian lagoon's allbut-secret wildlife (there is more to Venice that pigeons and cocky little dogs drawn from paintings by Carpaccio); take your pick of a rainy afternoon spent in the gloriously old-fashioned and museologically incorrect Natural History Museum (Fondaco dei Turchi), or take a trip out to Chioggia, a working-class Venice in miniature, as everyone here describes it. Chioggia is at the furthest reach of the lagoon. Home to one of the finest fish markets in Europe, it is also the stamping ground of Signor Bossi's extreme right-wing northern Italian separatist movement. Admire the fish, but do not talk politics; for here you can will have to stand up and eat, I'm afraid, even afford to ride around the canals on but you will be very much in the company a "Japanese boat", and that must be the

#### City essentials: **Venice**

Jonathan Glancey flew from Gatwick to Venice with Alitalia, not an experience he would repeat, however, since the DC-9 developed an engine fault immediately after take-off and he spent an unscheduled two hours on the ground at Brussels airport. Next time, he says, he will try a different

airline. Italy Sky Shuttle (0181-748 1333) has November flights for £163 on a Monarch charter from Gatwick, or £192 on British Airways from Heathrow. From the airport to Venice, a taxi

will cost around £25. Local buses run every 30 minutes or so for £1. Ask the Italian State Tourist Office, Princes St. London W1R 8AY (0171-408 1254) for a map of the city, but do not expect it to be entirely

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## Croydon, cybersuburb?

An unlikely renaissance is about to begin. By James Rampton

he same people who tell you to "see Naples and die" might also advise you to "die and see Croydon". Ever since Captain Sensible enjoyed a minor hit with a song called "Croydon" in the early Eighties, this commuter town south of London has been a byword for all that is soulless - neither close enough to the capital to be hip and metropolitan, nor far enough out to have rural charm.

That image, so the town hopes. is changing. Croydon is undergoing the greatest make-over this side of the Richard and Judy programme. Why, Croydon Council has nabbed a new publicity boss. Ronan Carroll, from Gatwick Airport's press office down the A23. and has even seconded Jan Grasty. a marketing adviser from Nestlé which has its headquarters in the town. "I looked on Croydon as a brand," she explains, "the same way as Nescafé is a brand ... It's a classic marketing exercise.

One of her main tasks is to build up Croydon as a tourist attraction. Every town and region in the country is waking up to the money-making potential of tourism. Last year saw a record number of foreign tourists - 24 million - visit Britain. Croydon, wants a piece of that action. It's not Mission: Impossible, but it's close. You've heard of Bronte Country, or Shakespeare Country – but Croydon Country?

Leaving East Croydon station either a futuristic jewel, or a spaceship remaindered from Close Encounters of the Third Kind, depending on your point of view things don't look promising. You are struck by the unambiguous concreteness of the surroundings. Indeed, the sounds of the Specials' song "Concrete Jungle" quite possibly ring in your ears. Standing on the central reservation of the town's main drag - a dual carriageway called Wellesley Road - dwarfed by skyscrapers, you could almost be in a



Croydon: waking up to the money-making potential of tourism

mini-Manhattan.

But all is not lost. Two minutes' walk finds you in the oasis of the Clocktower, Croydon's vibrant new cultural centre, which opened new cultural centre, which opened things here you can't see any-last year, and this week won the IBM Multimedia prize in the "People don't want a museum full" Museum of the Year awards. Here is an eagerness to innovate and throw off the old stereotypes about the town. Sally MacDonald, the principal museum officer at the centre, keenly takes up the story. "We're aiming to give people variety and put Croydon on the map. We don't just want to do safe exhibitions and predictable stuff

... Croydon has had a reputation for being soulless, so one of the things we needed to do was demonstrate there was life here." As she shows me round an inno-

vative exhibition called Cyburban Fantasies, which puts Virtual Reality into a domestic context, I begin to grasp her point. "You can see of fossils. We'll continue to take risks." The visitors' book (below) shows these are paying off.
In the Tourist Information Cen-

tre. Liz Hollowood, its manager, contends that "things have changed dramatically here". Underlining what tourists like to do best, she adds: "We are a good shopping base and the largest retail area in the South-east outside the West End. At Christmas, the hotels have coachloads of people up from the south coast."

Croydon has gone all Europhiliac, too. "It's linked to the Channel Tunnel. We've had a lot more French and German people recently." That has been aided no end by the creation of a home page about the joys of Croydon on the Internet, which has apparently netted a particularly large number of Russians. The tourist boom is reflected in retail sales, up 14 per cent on last year.

Strolling around the town centre, you are pleasantly surprised by an array of good restaurants and the happy co-existence of religions ancient (16th-century almshouses, and a palace where six archbishops of Canterbury came to stay) and modern (the Whitgift Shopping Centre is, to some, a 20th-However, she stresses that century cathedral.)

Photograph: Brian Harris

Ms Grasty admits that the town is never going to be another Flor-ence, but: "I say to the sneerers, 'come and have another look...' We're extending the use of Croydon. People won't come here just to work or shop. They'll come to have a good time as well."

As we part, Ms Grasty lists famous old Croydonians - Peggy Ashcroft (a theatre is named after her). David Lean (there is a cinema in his honour), Sir Arthur Conan Doyle (his former residence is now an old people's home) and Kate Moss. Now there's something for the marketeers to work on - the Kate Moss Trail.

'Cyburban Fantasies' runs at the Crovdon Clocktower (0181-253 1030) until 1 December

## Exotic holidays start in Crawley

Simon Calder reports on a travel city

holidays in Croydon; now you probably take them in Crawley. To be correct, that statement requires only that "take" be sub-stituted with "start" or "book". Improbably, the accident of post-war town planning known as Crawley is the hub of Britain's holiday industry.

First, we must dispose of Croydon (insert suitable Betjemanesque joke here, if you wish). There has always been a tension between the two conurbations. Most of it has arisen from citizens weary of being asked "is that Crawley in Surrey?" by those who cannot tell the West Sussex new town from the garish London borough 20 miles to the north. But there is a big difference: in the galaxy of Greater London, Croydon is a minor satellite; Crawley dominates West Sussex like Bill Clinton dominates American politics...

A glitter gulch is carved by the A23 as it rolls through the north of the county. This prosperity is largely thanks to Crawley's very own inter-national airport - Gatwick. Croydon's aerodrome has long since vanished, to be supplanted in travellers' affections by Gatwick - older, wiser and nicer than Heathrow (founded 10 years later, in 1946).

In the early days of the new town, though, the young airport was nearly concreted over with the rest of northwest Sussex. When Thomas Bennett. the creator of Crawley, unveiled the master plan in December 1948, the airport was barely mentioned. It was hoped, he said, "that some arrangement might be made which would enable the airport to continue". It has, and every day, the entire population of Crawley - or at least the numerical equivalent, around 70,000 - flies in or out of Britain's second-busiest airport. Someone has removed the "Welcome to Crawley - a Nuclear-free Zone" signs that used to greet airport users, but you're still welcome to Gatwick, Crawley's gateway to the globe.

Before you even get to the airport, your holiday may well have already started in Crawley. The list of airlines and tour operators based in the town has grown to implausible proportions.

ou may once have taken your Richard Branson decided to set up Virgin Atlantic Airways in the highstreet. Even though most Virgin flights now use Heathrow, the airline's HO retains its roots in Sussex. Mr Branson can clearly see the attractions of Crawley over, say. Hounslow.

Perhaps the draw is County Mall. plodged across the middle of town like an Arndale Centre on steroids. Or Tilgate Forest, where the lake on which the Campbell family used to get up to speed is now the centre-piece of a country park. More likely these than Town Meadow, which sounds like a pastoral idyll but turns out to be the home ground of Crawley Town FC. Once, the Red Devils were called "the sleeping giants of non-league football". But only by the manager of Eastbourne United.

No, probably the reason Richard Branson stays put is to keep an eye on the competition. Caledonian Airways and Air 2000 both have their headquarters in Crawley. The latter is part of Britain's third-higgest tour operator, First Choice. Across the road, British Airways flexes its corporate muscle from the heavenly surroundings of Astral Towers. When you book your British Airways Holiday or call the airline's Air Miles subsidiary, you are talking to someone in Crawley, Inspirations is just across the Surrey border, and Unijet resides a dozen miles south in the (even) leafier surroundings of

Haywards Heath. The town's only problem (leaving aside drugs, delinquency and drizzle) is that many of those who run the travel companies commute to Crawley rather than live there. Among senior executives, there seems to be a competition to see who can live furthest away - currently held by a chap whodrives daily from Aylesbury, a 140-mile round trip. Even loyal sons and daugh-ters of the town, who once made Crawley maternity hospital the most productive place in Britain, have moved away, returning only at Christmas to drink in the past at a succession of imaginatively named pubs.

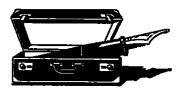
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services are allowed, nay encouraged, to "raid the larder". A consignment of snacks is on offer in the galley throughout the flight. In economy, what you see is

not quite what you get. Often,

the supply of meals will not be

entirely devoured, because some passengers prefer not to eat airline food. But even if all the main meals have gone, you could still be in luck. Cathay Pacific makes a point of carrying a supply of rolls and sandwiches, which you can ask for at any point in the flight. Passengers are not, however, expected to take these off the plane as emergency snacks.

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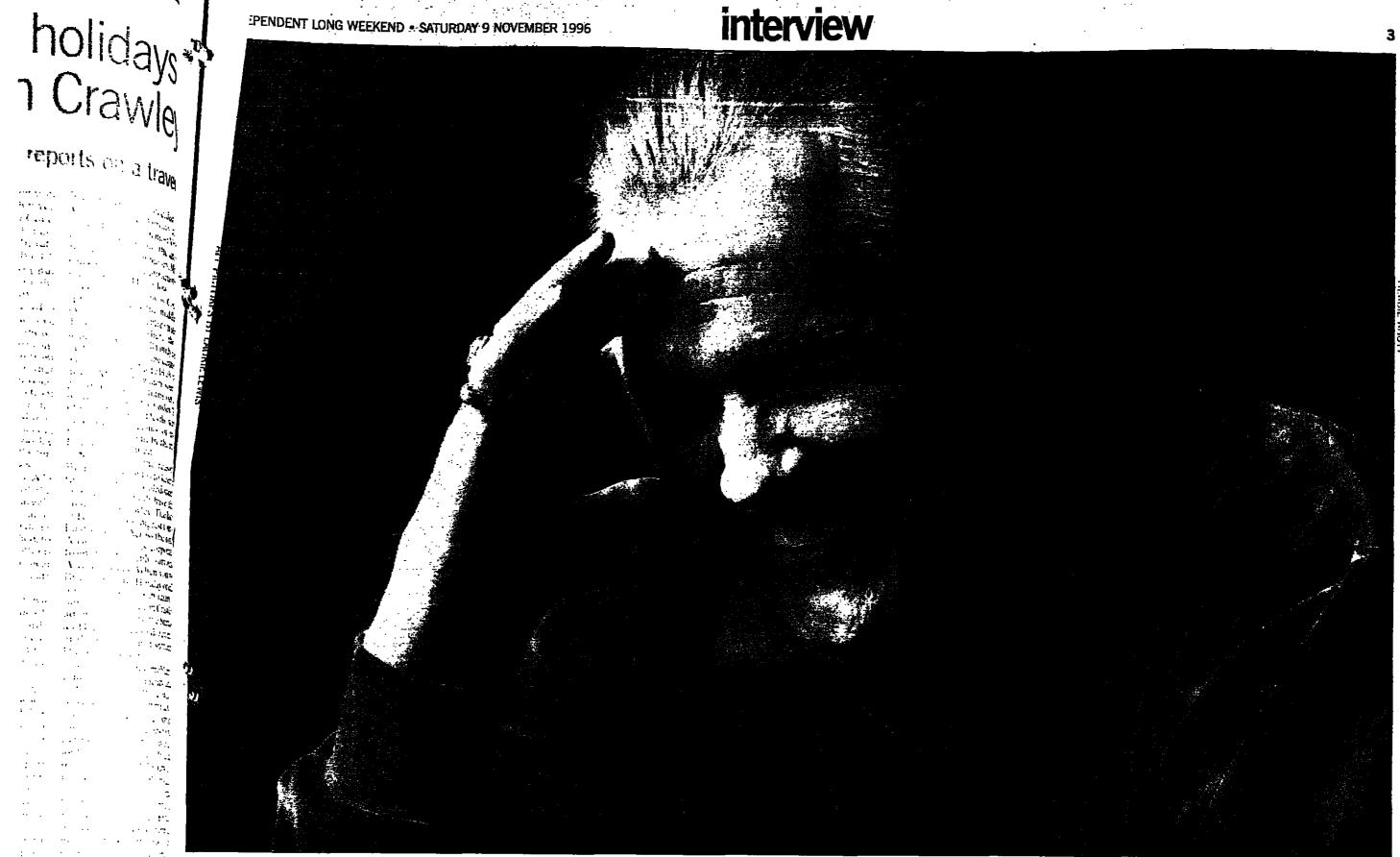
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John Walsh meets... PJ Proby

Mother and just as legendary, PJ Proby sits at the table of a Sono restaurant, the picture of docility. After "50 years of firing Jack Daniels" down his golden throat, he is drinking grapefruit juice; before him is the script of Pete Townshend's newly-disinterred on the road with Proby playing the Godfather, filling in for Gary Glitter. From certain angles he is the dead spit of Dennis Hopper, his face lined and handsome and faintly menacing. And on two fingers of his left hand, two gold rings spell out a potent metaphor, one offers the letters "PJP", the other "ROBY. A split name, to go with the split personality, the split career... and, of course, the most famously, disastrously, split trousers in stage history.

Younger readers should know that, in the early Sixties, when our hearts were young and blithe, Proby was an authentic Wild One. A glossy American import with a voice full of gulps, hiccups and stifled sobs, he sang like a man torn between acute melancholy and chronic indigestion: There's a Jace for us", the first line of Almond to the operatically lush Jomewhere", from the Sondheim Yesterday Has Gone", a big hit for Bernstein musical West Side Story, cmerged from Proby's emotion—Almond resurrected Gene Pitney's Somewhere", from the Southeim-Bernstein musical West Side Story, cmerged from Proby's emotion-drenched assault as "They-Rs un perlace faw uff", even its title virtually unrecognisable: "Summ-ahwayah upper-lace..." In those days, he wore his hair in a girly pigtail with a velvet bow, and ponced about in a way no English eyes had not happy that, in a film clip of the seen before. "I was all over that duet, Almond has somehow nailed stage." he reminisces, reckless of modesty. "Right in those little girls" faces. Nobody had ever boogied like James Brown, and moved their body like that before..."

For most of his 58 years, Mr Proby has been in trouble - seeking it, courting it, revelling in it. But and Montgomery Clift? That's us. 1965, at the Castle Hall, Croydon, when his blue velvet trousers split onstage from knee to crotch and is a new song on the album called shunged him towards Palookaville. "Devil in Red Velvet", on which plunged him towards Palookaville. the concert said the act "left me in chinchilla". Is the macho physically sick and should be roustabout getting a bit camp himnights later, at the Ritz in Luton, Proby's unfeasibly tight strides sexuals exist. As long as I don't have abruptly bifurcated once again dur- to participate. I'm the gorilla in ing a Fate-tempting leg-split, and the curtain came down on his

formances and from both TV channels. He was, suddenly, nowhere and by and large remained there.

Today, the fuss seems a bit extreme. What was behind it? Had he actually exposed himself, like Jim Morrison? "Hell no. it was only Quadrophenia, which is shortly to go man knees showing. But it was political. Everyone was still coming down off that thing with Profumo and Keeler, there was an atmosthem some more of that. It was a 'Get him out, he's causin' trouble wintenouse said, 'Get him out of the country', even before the trousers split, and they were waiting for a present " ing for a pretext." The conspiracy theory is a little

whiskery now, but Proby trots it out with gusto. In fact he does everything with gusto: sings, drinks, boasts, courts underage girls, shoots people, falls over, tells tall stories, spits out redneck bigotry and has comebacks. His newest comeback is a record entitled, inevitably. Legend, and featuring a duet with Marc career in 1989 with a duet of "Something Gotten Hold of My Heart", and Poby is hoping for a similar result. For the moment, though, things are a little sticky in the credit-sharing department. Proby is the last note, as well as the first -Did they get on? Proby muses on his relationship with the famed English drama queen. "You ever see a pic-Taylor but couldn't bring himself to touch a woman... " I note that there

chinchilla..."

itary man like me can't deny homo-

rizzled as Grendel's career. He was taken off the tour Smith in Houston, Texas, in 1948 (to be replaced by Tom Jones), and was singing when barely out of banned from further theatrical pernappies. "You know them little recording booths? There's a record of me, at three, singin' "Roll out the Barrel" for mah parents." (He goes into excruciating baby-speak: " 'Woll out the bawwel / We'll have a bawwel o'fun - can ah have some chew-gum now, Uncle Dan?") Raised an Episcopalian, he sang with gospel choirs at the local black church, like Jerry Lee Lewis. "I was the only white person there. And in phere about, and I was handing the house o'God there is no prejudice. You don't kick people out for big sexual thing and they were like, being white or black. Mind you, they might kick you out o'the bar next

showbiz demon in his psyche struggled for mastery over the grunt, and won. He hung out with Elvis (who dated his sister), with Eddie Cochrane (whose fiancée Sharon Sheedy gave him his stage name -PJ stands for "Papa James") and with Paul Newman, for whom he was chauffeur and bodyguard. "My job in the daytime was driving his two-seater Thunderbird. We went to the gym every day, we pumped iron and pulled birds all day."

Don't you love that "pulled birds"? Proby has of course lived in England, picking up such baroque, un-American formulations, since 1962, when he was brought over by Jack Good, the most powerful

periods in Hollywood, where the Then came the split-velvets affair and soon he had nothing. By 1968 he was declared bankrupt with debts of £84,309, against useable assets of 59d. He lost all his possessions and took to drink. It's said that he blew £5m in two years. though you have to balance such claims with Proby's other Munchausen-ish hoasts that he invented the male ponytail, that he brought in the Sixties fashion for bell-bottoms (from the naval academy, you see), that he once shared a cell with four condemned murderers, that he possesses the greatest singing voice in the world...

His decline was spectacular. He disappeared into the wilds of northern England, doing crap jobs, eking impresario in London, to take part out a living. He was a shepherd in

"Two nights later, at the Ritz in Luton, Proby's unfeasibly tight strides bifurcated again during a Fate-tempting leg-split, and the curtain came down on his career"

and; unlike Proby, is not even under always falling overboard into the one and always falling overboard into the one of the original overboard into the one of the original overboard into the original overboard in separated. They were so stridently dysfunctional that the court was unable to award custody of nineture called Red River? John Wayne year-old James to either. He was sent instead to military academy, by even he wasn't prepared for the Monty was a screaming fag, sup-some way the strongest influence on reaction to the night of 29 January, posed to be in love with Elizabeth his life, though be admits it made him virtually impossible. "I had a gang called the Great White Fathers, and I bought them motorcycle jackets with eagles flying over cops' heads, pulling their hats off and dripping blood on them. I went Proby sings the line. "I'm the killer to St Louis, Missouri and bought banned. The trouble might have self? "Yeah, I know. I almost didn't switchblades for the gang. It was the been invisibly mended, but two do that. But even a hard-assed mil
11th graders - that's us, maybe 14 or 15 - against seniors, and we used to cut them up..."

Then came five years in Vietnam, as a regular army private, inter-

tume department to kit himself out for the flight to Heathrow. "The shirt was from The Left-Handed Gun, the Paul Newman movie about Billy the Kid, the boots were from Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, old leather ones with dancing soles... "Within weeks of touching down, he and Good recorded a version of the old Dick Haynes number, "Hold Me". In May, 1964, it went straight to No 3 in the charts, the first of a string of hits. For a Boy. He had, he claims, umpteen Rolls-Royces, Lear jets, a yacht and an expensive clothes habit to maintain, a mews house in Knightsbridge, then a house in Chelsea, across the King's Road from the

Bolton, a muckspreader in Huddersfield ("that's about as close to Texas as you can git"), a janitor in Hammersmith, where once he'd filled the Palais. "I was sweeping the streets, the gutters, taking care of the occupants of a mansion block. I've slept in people's coal cellars because I had no place to live." he remembers without rancour. "I didn't care what I did. But I wouldn't go back on stage unless the money was right. To get me to do what I do best, it's got to be paid for. I wouldn't go on stage for less than couple of years, Proby was the It \$3,000. But to get me to clean your yard would cost you almost nothstage have been fraught. He was

the stage during his first number. More successful was his appearance in Only the Lonely, the Roy Orbison nostalgia show in which his 15minute slot singing his old hits stopped the show night after night. But the last time he was in the papers, it was for claiming benefit carlier this year, while appearing on stage in Ritzy Portsmouth and glamorous Brentwood.

have been, shall we say, problematic over the years. His first wife Marianne was 14; they split up because he refused to take her out anywhere and "I caught her with a couple of guys". He was engaged to Dean Martin's daughter but, when they were temporarily estranged, he broke into her house and fired a Colt .45 at her and a gentleman friend and was imprisoned for three months. A similar fate awaited his third wife, a Manchester croupier called Dulcie, whom he shot with an air pistol, again for suspected infidelity. He was fined £60 for attacking his live-in secretary, allegedly because she was spending too much on groceries. In the early Eighties, the police took an interest in his relationship with a 14-year-old Yorkshire farmer's daughter, whom he married when she was a grand dame of 17; she left to collect some hamburgers a year later and never returned. More recently, he shacked up in a north Finchley semi with the singer Billie Davies, who told The People that he had had only one erection in their time wanted it to be too sensationalist, together and had spent three hours admiring it ("I didn't get a look in,"

she complained). None of this unpromising record dents his romantic, if unreconstructed, view of women. He regrets the onset of feminist frankness because "there's no reason to take a girl out anymore. You know you're going to git fucked, so you don't think about flowers and being a gentleman. Males don't know how to show respect now, because females baven't demanded it in so many years. I don't think there has been a role model in moralistic fibre in this country since the Sixties when we started ripping it apart." He is ing." His occasional returns to the a keen fan of virginity. "It's the highest thing a woman can give a man. kicked out of Ehis: the Musical in She's nothing else to give. What else 1978 for messing with the script. In is there? Intelligence? We don't

work." Sticking my neck out, I'd say Proby is perhaps not an ideal mate for female readers of this newspaper, with his belief that "men are put here to raise girls. Teach them to be women. Teach them to be ladies. Anything their parents left out..." Couldn't women teach him a thing or two? He looked appalled. "What could a women teach a man?" How to be civilised? He looked more appalled. "Can they is relations with women teach me about cleanliness? There are women around now, don't even know what a douche-bag is..."

Mr Proby, of course, grew up in one of the most chauvinistic parts of the world, and cannot help being a sexisti racist, homophobic, casually authoritarian bigot. His dilations on "coons" (his family had black servants) makes Enoch Powell, of whom PJ is a fan, sound like Alice Walker. His fascination for guns is more reasonably argued — "If those people in Tasmania, where that maniac walked into that care. had had guns, they'd be alive today and he wouldn't be facing a court. he'd he dead" - and he snorts with contempt about the British government's recent handgun ban. "Stupid," he says. "It's only going to put all that on the black market, running undercover, and make it even bigger.

Against the day when somebody does take a potshot at him, he has done several things. He's chosen a tombstone in Houston, and even chosen the pilot who will fly his remains home. He has completed his autobiography but, typically, fallen out with his ghost writer. "She Every other word was 'Fuck this', 'Fuck that', the way I spoke on the tape. I wanted my life story to read like The Moon's a Balloon by David Niven.i. " And of course he's releasing his self-defining Legend album, Amazingly, the doomed, self-destructive, chronically abandoned incorrigibly alcoholic, redneck wastrel that Mr Proby has been for most of his life is weirdly contented about it all. He is unafraid of death ("All it means is going to meet mah best friend God and all mah other friends are up there, too") and smug about having "an upsurge in your career at 58 years old, when every single person know is retired - Elton, Tom [Jones], all of 'em". Feeling ridiculous, I asked the unluckiest man in rock history: do you feel lucky? "As 1985, at the Rock 'n' Roll Legends need her brain. We need her love, lucky as blessed will let you get," he He was born James Marcus spersed with rest 'n' recuperation Duke of Wellington's barracks. concert in Epping Forest, he fell off to make us get up and go out to said. And guess what? He meant it.

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Throughout the civil war in Lebanon, Caracalla kept the spirit of the dance alive. But can Beirut's current cultural revival survive the rebirth of Muslim fundamentalism? By Michael Church

# Giant steps

he new Beirut now a rising from the calla was Lebanon's champion rubble is a forest of neon promispole-vaulter, during the country's 15-year ing a brighter and better tomorrow. With food, fasshion, and the delights of suburbia; comfortable homes and contented kids. Assaid may beam down from every wall, and Syrian guns command every street, but the homegrown signs suggest a nation looking actively to its future. Mission: Impossible is showing, but it's too socia for showbiz glitz. There's just one gaudy ad to be seen by the approach-roads to the city, proclaiming Elissa: Queen of Carthage, performed by the Caracalla Dance Theatre.

Their auditorium is packed the night I go, as it has been every night for the past 10 months. The show begins with an ancient, quizzical figure in a Sinbad robe opening a vast book out of which spills a troupe of dancers in splendic apparel. The tale they tell – in a combination of mime and Martha Graham - is of the original Dido, tragic daughter of the King of Tyre, who chose to immolate hers elf rather than marry without love. The show is rounded off with a cleverly choreographed exploicism here: just volcanic ene;rgy, and burn-

Button-holing punters in the interval, 1 get the same comments time and again. It's out to be one of the opening salvos of the the best show in town - the only thing worth going to - these dancers are heroes. One family, decked out as gorgeously as anyone on stage, is on holiday from the Israeli-occupied south, and is relishing the company's walk-tall patriotic message. But when the fans cluster round for autographs at the end, they're, not after the dancers' signatures. What they want is the signature of the intense, power-packed man who has conceived bot h the show and the company itself,

civil war, he became its cultural champion. For, apart from the conflict's first year, during which he was paralysed with horror along with everyone else, he and his troupe never stopped performing. Like the Windmill girls in London's blitz, they literally dodged the bombs on their way to

"During the war," says Caracalla, "everyone was constantly on the move, looking for safety. So I decided we would be on the move, too, following wherever the audience was." And it was this mobility - plus a topical re-working of Romeo and Juliet - that made him a legend. "Playing in every sector, we constantly had to cross the battle lines. If we had to move from the Christian sector to the Muslim one, Christian soldiers would hand us over to their Muslim counterparts at the boundary. And they in turn would hand us on to the Druze militiamen, if that was our next stop. It was as though the hatreds of war were temporarily lifted for us. As though the people who were killing each sion of folk-dance, which the audience other every day had said, 'Let's be OK to

Caracalla's son, Ivan - in the company from the age of six - recalls. In what turned war, a car carrying him and his mother plus two other women was suddenly fired on: he got off with minor injuries but one of their passengers was paralysed, and the other killed. The company's longest-serving member is a highly strung dancer called François Rahmé whose route to his calling was paved with grief. It's not a story he enjoys telling - you have to drag it out of him - but this is the gist: he was obsessed from his infancy with Fonteyn and Nureyev, and took dancing lessons Thirty years ago, Abde l'-Halim Cara- from one of his two older sisters; all three





But things weren't always so smooth, as hit by gunfire - both girls were killed by the same bullet. He was 10, and didn't dance again until he was 16. "The war,"

he says simply, "was awful. No fun at all."
Tania Haroun – the current show's Dido -went to study in Paris when war broke out, and never intended to work in a battlefield. "I was back home visiting my parents in 1983, and went to a Caracalla show purely out of curiosity. And I couldn't believe that Beirut could produce anything so good, so professional. I took classes with them, and stayed. I found that dance was an escape from all the bad things of war. When you are on stage you always feel good, no matter what is bothering you in real life."

On the other hand, the quizzical gent

tation. Bert Stimmel is a tiny, sprightly 76-year-old who hails from Ohio, had a gilded career as a West End choreographer in the Fifties, and has worked with blown to hell in the war, but his only com-ment is a gentle shrug. "I flew in the Second World War and my B-17 crashed in the North Sea, so I've no problem with danger here." This figure in Caracalla's Phoenician frieze speaks with a dreamy Southern courtesy: disparate worlds were never more strangely linked.
Listening to these dancers talk, and

watching them in class with the maestro, one is struck by the awe in which they hold him. Whatever one thinks of his work -

and it doesn't please all tastes - Caracalia is that genuine article, a truly charismatic visionary. He acquired his vision - following a noble tradition - in the Roman temples at his home town of Baalbek. "I was watching the world's great companies come to perform at the annual festival. and I suddenly thought - why doesn't Lebanon have its own dance theatre? So I went to study in London, to reveal the

"London" meant the Martha Graham-based London School of Contemporary Dance, and he's kept faith with its aesthetic ever since. His grand aim was to create a fusion of occidental and oriental styles, and thus to give the Arab world a new form. He trawled the Middle East with his camera and recorder, storing his finds in an archive which he will - "at the right time" - donate to the Lebanese government. "It will be the past speaking to the future." He's set up a school for young dancers, from which his company is drawn.

One of his resident composers is a volwho is president of the Beirut conservapersuade the state to fund a symphony orchestra. "But each time I win the argument, something happens to prevent it a war on the southern border, or the says, will be primarily devoted to the performance of Lebanese music. But how much indigenous symphonic music is there? "Not much yet," he agrees, "but once we have an orchestra, it will come. We have the composers already - the problem is that they are in the States or Europe. We want them back."

When he took over the conservatoire in 1991, it was in very bad shape, with its buildings looted and burned, and 56 professors teaching a mere 48 students. Now 0171-314 8800

215 professors teach 3,500 students, and he proudly reels off their specialisms: 700 pianists, 350 violinists, 40 cellists, 300 woodwind, 300 opera singers, 500 orien-

tal-music singers...
Wonderful, but what opportunities await them? His face falls. "Your question is quite... delicate. Music in the Arab world is not easy these days. The Islamic conception of music is not favourable to it as a career." He is too diplomatic to say it, but the truth is that even in Lebanon, music is being systematically snuffed out by Muslim fundamentalism. A Beirut television programme for spotting musical talent cruelly reflects the situation: 10 years ago, 60 per cent of the entrants were Muslim, now the figure is five per cent.

Local enthusiasts long to reinstitute the Baalbek festival, but "political interests" regularly foil their attempts, And you only have to spiff the air in the streets to understand why: this Hezbollah stronghold in the Bekaa valley exudes the same door severity to be found in the Hezbollah area of Beirut, Opera queens - and concert uble polymath called Walid Gholmieh, pianists - would just not fit the picture. The old Baalbek, as one conductor sad

Yet, in other places, the cultural sce is humming. Beirut does not yet have a proper hall, but events take place in a wide variety of improvised venues, often conspiring to help Lebanon recover. Next month, the British Council will open a second office in Beirut: it had planned two excellent contributions to the cultural feast this year, but both had to be cancelled because of the Israeli attack. That peace process had better get moving again. fast.

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## Swanning along to the rescue

Next time Sylvie Guillem asks 'Romeo, Romeo? wherefore art thou. Romeo?' Adam Cooper just might be the answer. By Louise Levene

Opera House on Tuesday. There wasn't a seat to be had for Romeo and Juliet and indeed 50 people were happily managing without, willing to stand for three hours watching Sylvie Guillem. The additional treat they could not have anticipated was the last-minute withdrawal of her usual partner Jonathan Cope, had unfortunately cracked a rib. He was replaced by Adam Cooper, the Royal Ballet dancer currently starring (and I do mean starring) two nights a week in the West End run of Adventures in Motion Pictures' huge hit, Swan Lake.

Since the acrimonious departure of the tall and pointlessly good-looking Hungarian Zoltan Solymosi, Darcey Bussell and Guillem have been forced into a risky time-share with Jonathan Cope. Very tall, very hand-some and very reliable, the only fear was that the strain would prove too much for him. In the event, it wasn't a dance injury but fate at the ending almost unbearable. wheel of a car that laid him

works, he has never been given a crack at a full-length dramatic partnership. This was his big chance to prove to the beady eyes of management (and the even beadier eyes of Mile Guillem) that he was more than equal to the task.

Cooper has -danced Romeo before but he wasn't scheduled to do so this season and the lack of rehearsal time showed in some of his early solos. He had wisely decided to cut his losses and spend the few precious days available working on the allimportant pas de deux.

Juliet has grown into one of Guillem's strongest London roles. Far too many ballerinas dance the character as if Juliet herself had read the play and imbue their reading with a sort of Cassandra-like gloom that takes the sting out of the tragedy. Guillem's Juliet positively quivers with happiness and this blissful innocence of her waiting fate makes the

The strength and lightness

ricket touts were out in low. Although Cooper has of her dancing, and the force at the Royal squired Guillem in one-act coltish charm of her acting. make her irresistible. Adam Cooper didn't even try to

Guillem is reputed to treat rehearsals as a matter of stringent technical preparation, reserving her dramatic energies for performance. If this was the case with Cooper, then the explosive chemistry of their partnership will have surprised him as much as it delighted the audience. The bedroom scene was danced with utter conviction and they threw themselves into MacMillan's fiendish pairwork

with a naturalistic hunger. Whether or not Bussell and Guillem continue to dance exclusively with Jonathan Cope remains to be seen. Tuesday night's performance demonstrated that there is no longer any necessity for this.

Cope wasn't the only absentee at Covent Garden this week. Thursday's revival of MacMillan's 1989 baller The Prince of the Pagodas was drawn almost entirely from the subs bench. Ashley Page, Tetsuya Kumakawa and quacy shone Darcey Bussell,



Sylvie Guillem as Juliet

and the resulting changes left the company in disarray. One hesitates to name names but, since you twist my arm: one dancer made such a lumpen dog's breakfast of the King of the North's first big solo that the normally over-polite firstnight audience seemed collectively to sit on its hands. He improved as he went on but he couldn't fail to really - and he wasn't even replacing anybody.

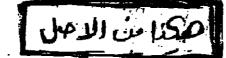
At the centre of this storm of uncertainty and inade-Deborah Bull were all absent reprising the role of the

exiled princess that made of a star at 20. Seven year, haven't diminished her dareing jetés and enduringly girlish beauty, and have only served to strengthen her technique and assurance. Her performance was a reproach to the dancing of many of her colleagues. Stuart Cassidy was her Prince turned Green Salamander and he danced the latter particularly well. darting lizard-like from pose to pose and curling his arms and spine to Benjamin Britten's exotic faux-gamelan sound. There wasn't much chemistry between them but that is hardly surprising in a manufactured cod-Freudian fairy tale like this. People complain that classical ballet princes are two-dimensional but Florimund is a positive

Hamlet by comparison.

Bussell's dancing, Nichols
Georgiadis's stylised design and the orchestra's relish of Britten's score remain the ballet's only real pleasures. The touts won't be wasting their time on this one. In rep to 28 Nov; ROH, Covent Garden, London WC2 (0171-304 4000)





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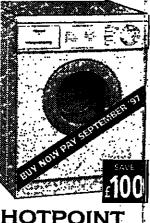
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## The F-word that became respectable

Larger women launch campaign to emphasise positive image and show that big really is beautiful

Move over Kate Moss - big is beautiful. An exhibition of positive images of fat women, designed to knock the skinny models off the cover of Vogue in favour of the fuller female fig-

ure, opens today.

The event, which could be seen as a kind of Rubens revival, has been organised by the Fat Women's Group. Their celebration of fatness includes pictures, prints, videos and artefacts from around the world demonstrates, they say. "the beauty and reality of larger

"You only have to look at how many lovely representa-tions of fat women we have managed to gather together to see that beauty and thinness do not necessarily go together," said Janet Mearns, a member of the Fat Women's Group, which was founded eight years ago.

Today, the group will also be handing out awards to fat women who have "taken a risk to promote size acceptance." Among the award winners is Helen Jackson, a barrister who campaigns to end size discrimination; Sue Surry, who promotes Big Aerobics; and Laurie Toby Edison and Debbie Notkin for their book, Women En Large, which "tells the stories of real life fatsos in words

Miss Jackson, who practices in Birmingham, says she has come across cases of ten and a half stone women being turned down for jobs on account of their size. It is a situation she is desperate to change. "I want to make discrimination against fat people as unacceptable as dis-crimination against gay people."

Successful fat women do exist. Larger-than-life characters such as Vanessa Feltz, the chat show host, and the comediennes Jo Brand and Dawn French make for good role

models. And recently Jennifer Paterson, a freelance cook and Spectator columnist, and Clarissa Dickson Wright, a former barrister turned Edinburgh cookery bookshop owner, burst onto our screens with their weekly BBC2 cooking show,

But more often than not, women succeed in spite of their size. And according to Miss Jackson, society is becoming increasingly biased against over-weight women. "It's far more widespread than we realise," she wouldn't have been told they were fat are now being discriminated against." She has problems persuading anyone to take up their case in the courts. "One of the problems is that many people think it's a matter of shame to be excluded on account of one's weight."

Ali Farrelly, 30, a fat women's fashion stylist and member of the Fat Women's Group, is also exhibiting her work today. In her crusade against "body fascism", Ms Farrelly plans to reshoot classic advertisements such as the Calvin Klein photograph of Kate Moss lying naked using women double her size, but she is worried about copyright. If I use the name Vogue with a size 20 model, they are going to sue the pants off me. I'll have to say it's an 'art oject". I'm sure Andy Warhol didn't get sued by Campbell's.

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But Ms Farrelly, who weighs 15 and a half stone, is having difficulty finding volunteers. "I am the only one modelling so far. I think people think I'm a big exhibitionist, but it's not like



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While in New York and California slim and body-conscious are the watchwords, the proportion of America for which fall is the norm is ever wider. In 1981, 25 per cent were obese; the North American Association for the Study of Obesity recently heard that, under a new method of gauging fitness, 59 per cent of num and 49 per cent of women fell into the fat category.

On present trends, 75 per cent of Americans will be obese by 2050; Baylor College of Medicine, Texas, says by 2230 they will all be obesc. The National Centre for Health Statistics says television "zappers" may have fielped create the problem and suggests advice on television about dienand exercise is no match for the huge, fatty helpings served in the country's restaurants. This has a penalty: the direct and indirect costs of obesity total nearly 10 per cent of

sick-care cests in the West. There is evidence the fat are still discriminated against. Research by Duke University says a businessman will earn \$1,000 (£060) a year less for every one pound he is overweight.

But the growing strength of the "fat" voice has meant a burgeoning of support groups. Many ask whether thin is better. The fat-acceptance movement advises on "fuller-figure outfitters", which airlines are "big-friendly" and even which cinemas allow you to watch from your own specially imported chair.
The US National Association for the Advancement of Fat Acceptance

recently demanded changes to the Eddie Murphy film The Nutty Professor, saying the portrayal of the 30-stone teacher was demeaning to fat people: Their complaints were based on the acript: "We haven't seen the movies said a spokesman. "The theatres have no sexts big enough."

Second pay-per-view bout in British television exceeds expectations

## Tyson-Holyfield fight set to land BSkyB £5m

**Mathew Horsman** Media Editor

More than 250,000 people have already agreed to pay £9.95 each for the right to watch the televised WBA heavyweight cham-pionship boxing match tonight on Sky television between titleholder Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield in Las Vegas,

The pay-per-view bout, the second in British television history, could attract 500,000 viewers by the time the event begins

That is still less than the 660,000 who paid to see Tyson fight British hero Frank Bruno carlier this year, when pay-perview was launched.

But sources at BSkyB, Rupert Murdoch's satellite broadcaster, and at cable operators around the country, said the take-up levels were much betsaid one cable executive.

Industry sources said last night the results proved the viability of pay-per-view television. Many critics had suggested viewers would be unwilling to pay more than their basic subcription for pay-TV events. Sky viewers already spend as

much as £26.99 a month to get 40 channels, including premium sport and movies, with cable subscribers paying even more. Subscribers to Sky's sport channels will be able to see

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> Thereafter, screens will go blank for those who have not paid their pay-per-view fee, although BSkyB said last night that orders will be taken at the premium price of £14.95 even after the US fight begins.

> Cable companies are also carrying the pay-per-view event, with viewers asked to ring a special number to arrange for the signal to be unscrambled. Subscribers in most franchises owned by Nynex CableComms will be able to order the event using their remote controls. through new technology in use for the first time in the UK.

Both Sky and cable operators expect impulse buying to push take-up rates higher in the Benn fight and the Ensley take-up rates higher in the Bingham-Ronald Wright battle course of today. On estimates

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According to industry insiders, pay-per-view is expected to be the fastest growing market for pay-TV, currently worth

In the US, the market has posted disappointing growth rates. However, industry leaders in the UK say the products on offer have been priced too high - in some cases double the £10 or so set here.

Next year, BSkyB intends to launch a digital service, with as many as 60 channels dedicated

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#### Annie Caulfield in eastern Jordan

Omayyeds took over a Roman fortifica-Aqaba?" Kids trying out tion and did it up a bit with baths and a this in Jordan. And of course you want to see Petra, Wadi Rum, Aqaba the north to south line that's the route through the country's most famous treasures. But there is the other bit of Jordan that sticks out to the East, It looks near empty on the map, so stark there's even

a town that's just a map reference, H5. The Eastern Desert is full of Bedouin who aren't as tourist-sharp as those down south, and they pursue their traditions with little more than a nod of friendly curiosity to the outside world. Then there are the miles of desert. Not beautiful, colourful and piled with spectacular giant rock formations like the famed Wadi Rum. This is the sort of desert people stagger about in going mad - endlessly the same bleak, fawn scrub.

A hire car is the best way out here. On the road from Amman to Azraq, you pass a string of intriguing desert complexes. First is Qasr Kharana, the only desert castle that would seem to have been built by the Ommayed, the first Islamic dynasty, for purely defensive purposes. Others, like Tuba. Mushatta and particularly Qasr al Amra are places that tell you a lot more about the Omayyed dynasty lifestyle.

The Omayved came from the deserts around the 8th century, battled the Byzantines out of power and made themselves an empire in the region, with Damascus as their capital. The remote castles were places of retreat from their own civilisation, to ensure their desert ways weren't lost. Horses were raced, game was hunted with falcon, saluki dogs and trained cheetahs. They were also havens of off-duty fun - with music, dancing girls and luxury bathing facilities. The walls and ceilings of Qasr Al Amra leap with colourful frescoes of hunting scenes, birds, flowers and very unveiled ladies. There are pictures of conquered enemies and, for more relaxing thoughts, the inside of one of the domes is painted with a map of the heavens with stars in zodiacal constellations.

The round, yellow domes of Qasr ai Amra melt into the sand surrounding them as you drive away. And the black basalt fort at Azraq glowers out, forbidding, a few miles down the road. Here, as at Qasr Hababat to the North, the

their English always ask you mosque. They used it as a military headquarters and also as a hunting lodge.

Until very recently, this area was green and almost swampy; game was plentiful. The underground water has been pumped away to Amman, helping the city greatly but ridding Azrak of flocks of migrating birds and indigenous wild animals. There's a nature reserve with ostrich and ibex, but it's no longer the sumptuous oasis Lawrence of Arabia found when he made Azrak fort his headquarters in 1917.

The very old guard at the fort will show you pictures of his father with Lawrence and the grim black stone room above the gatehouse where Lawrence slept. The massive stone doors and the great boulders of the walls must have looked reassuringly secure to anyone who operated out of Azrak in troubled times. These days, without revolts to run or quell, the Azraq Resthouse down the road is a more comfortable place to stay. Little terraced cabins are grouped round an outdoor pool and a bar, disconcertingly well stocked with stocky Americans - F16 crews who are based here while protecting Saudi Arabia. Even this isn't as expensive as the big flash new hotel just on the edge of Azraq town. Are they getting that many posh visitors to the fort they need this whitewashed extravaganza out here in the middie of nowhere? And what is it that's somehow very odd about Azraq town?

crossroads and you're in a quiet town of polite but tacitum people - Druze who fled from Syria decades ago. Conservative, religious, secretive - they quietly keep shops, farm and go to bed early. The righthand town is scruffy and heaving with life and neon, like a cheap seaside resort. But the cars are wrong - new, flashy - Cadillacs, Mercedes, a Daimler. Right-hand Azraq is full of Saudis - but

they don't live there. Right-hand Azraq is also a Chechen town, settled by refugees the last time the Russians took against these people. The Chechens have got a fine trade in alcohol going for them-selves now. Thirty miles from the Saudi border, every little restaurant has a backroom drinking parlour, every little shop has an under the counter off-licence. The posh botel wasn't built for tourists, it was built to accommodate all the Saudis flee-

ing across the desert for a night of fun. From Azraq, there's a loop road back to Amman that takes in more desert forts and Omayyed fun palaces; or you could drive straight on through desert wastes, see the palaeolithic archaeology sites and get as close as you're likely to get to lraq without an F16. Or you could go right, towards Saudi Arabia and the spectacular view of the desert available from a high watchtower in the nature reserve. Careful on this road: the flash car drivers might not be seeing straight.

Getting there: Direct flights are available to Queen Alia airport, about 40 minutes drive south of Amman, with both British Airways (0345 222111) and Royal Jordanian (0171-734 2557), £340 and £350 respectively (inc tax). Cheaper flights through discount agents: Trailfinders (0171-938 3366) on Olympic Airways via Athens for £252, or on Cyprus permit to rent, but it is Airways via Lamaca for handy to have one if £279 through Jetline (0171-360 1111). you are stopped by

Getting around: It is cheaper to book car-hire before you go. Avis (0990 900500), Hertz (0990 996699) and Budget (0800 181181) have offices in Amman. The cheapest deal is from Avis, with a Daihatsu Charade for £181 per week inclusive of unlimited mileage and collision damage waiver. You don't need an international drivers'

Red Tape: Visas to Jordan are essential for British nationals (cost: £27) and are available from the Jordanian Embassy, 6 Upper Phillimore Gardens, London W8, in person or by post. Call the information line 0891 171261 for further

When to go: Spring is generally the best time. Amman has cold winters and hot, dry summers.

Philippa Czernia



The Eastern Desert is full of Bedouin who aren't as tourist-sharp as those in the south Photograph. Chris Caldicord



## The curious guestion of French swimwear

Simon Calder

his column has no intention of turning into men's fashion corner, but I must bring you an update on male swimwear in France. You may recall a fortnight ago that the Indepen-dent photographer Brian Harris met his waterborne Waterloo at a camp site swimming pool in France, where he and his son were ejected for wearing baggy (and hyper-trendy) swimwear. They were transgressing an arcane French law which

insists on regular figure-hugging trunks. Yet the company he travelled with, Eurocamp, says the regulations are not so obscure after all. On page 27 of its Traveller's Guide to France, squeezed between Organised Games and Other

Activities, is a paragraph about the loi. "Water purity regulations insist that camp sites forbid the wearing of shortsstyle swimming trunks (only brief style trunks are allowed)." The illustration (below) makes the point succinctly.



Pity the poor traveller arriving by Eurostar at Waterloo, and hoping to continue the journey by Tube. Anyone who wants to reach the rail termini of Paddington or Marylebone, or pop along to Piccadilly or Oxford Circus for shopping or sightseeing, faces big problems for the next eight months.

From midnight tonight, no trains will run on the Bakerloo Line south of Piccadilly Circus because of engineering works. Dismal news for the capital's commuters. But for travellers unfamiliar with London's transport, it promises to be truly bewildering. Suppose you want to reach Oxford

Circus. The Underground offers several suggestions. First, take an ordinary train back down the railway to Vauxhall and change to the Victoria Line - an obstacle course unsuitable for anyone carrying more than a briefcase. Better catch the "Bakerloo bus" that is replac-ing the Tube. The problem here is that first you have to find your way to the Underground booking hall and buy a ticket, then return above ground and locate the bus. If instead you find, say, the 176 bus stop and spot a regular bus to Oxford Circus, you must either throw away your newly acquired ticket and buy another one - or risk a £5 fine.

cven years ago this morning, the Berlin Wall fell; and 24 hours ago I met the unfortunate winner of the competition to celebrate 10 years of the Independent Traveller.

The prize, to use the term loosely, is a trip to East Berlin by independent and economic means, ie mostly hitch-hiking. But even before our planned journey to Berlin began, things went badly wrong. On Wednesday morning I went to the Ger-man tourist board in London, only to find that the office does not open until an unGermanic 12 noon. The maps that were promised had not arrived by the time I left, clutching only 1976 autobahn map.

The trip was to have begun with a rail/ship crossing as far as the German border. Sadly, when I tried to book the cheap £49 ticket all the seats were full. The next fare up was more expensive than flying - at least to Holland. So we began by flying from London City airport to Rot-terdam. The winner, Alison Clements of Maidstone, bravely turned up at the airport despite a fear of flying. I also learned that she has never hitch-hiked before, even though we face a 400-mile hike

across northern Europe. Our reports on the ordeal - sorry, adventure - will appear next Saturday. I suspect that they may conflict.



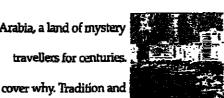


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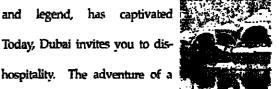
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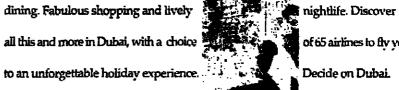


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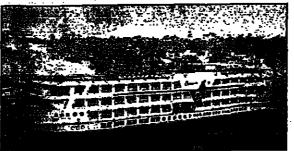
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## Cooking of the highest order

Chalet girls (and boys) are shedding their amateur image. By Stephen Wood



Prospective chalet boys learning new skills at Bruton School for Girls

the ski instructor's Action Man are over. Like job seekers and rugby players, chalet girls have a new, professional sta-tus. True, the fact that they are now "Chalet Reps" is partly thanks to the influx of males to the profession; but it can't be long before De Montfort University is offering a BA course in Chalet Manage ment for the Leisure Industry. Already, this year, Crystal Holi-days has launched a series of chalet cookery courses, and you only have to watch the students labouring intently on the correct procedure for dicing onions to see what damage is being done to the old, amateur principles. Crystal hires about 300 staff for

its chalets every year. It interviews applicants in bulk, up to 45 at a time, in day-long sessions involving group work and role playing. "We can tell very quickly whether they are suitable," says the company's chalets reps manager for the Tarentaise region of France, Rebecca Saxby. "It's a question of personality - how they deal with people, how they present themselves."

The problem is that you need more than an outgoing personal-ity to prepare dinner for 20 people. In the past, Crystal has suggested to applicants who can't cook that they take a course such as those at the Prue Leith or Lucie Clayton schools. But the courses are expensive; and they put more stress on piping-bag skills than is required for high-carbohydrate

chalet menus. So this year Crystal has recommended its own courses. For £190, students got a week's specialised chalet-cookery training, plus tips on other appropriate skills such as toilet cleaning, placating difficult customers, and getting the resort reps to deal with any really tricky problems. Everybody who completed the course - the pass rate was 100 per cent - was guaranteed a job for the season as a chalet rep.

According to my map, Bruton in Somerset, where the five-day

The days when a chalet girl's courses have been held, is some-role was to play Barbie to where between 50 and 100 metres above sea level. It didn't seem ideal for a class on "Cake baking at altitude". But although the cake bak-ing was practical, the "altitude" element turned out to be theoretical: cookery tutor Paul Jeffrey explained that the low-pressure mountain environment plays such havoc with cooking temperatures and times that even boiling an egg becomes a matter of trial-anderror (he suggests sacrificing six eggs for experimental purposes).

Basic sea-level principles, how-

ever, applied to most of the cook-ery nution. The daily agenda for the 25 students, divided into teams of two plus Sam (reduced to a rather peripheral role by being temporarily on crutches), involved producing two dinner menus from Paul Jeffrey's Crystal cookery book. First there was a lecture (how to slice an aubergine, how to caramelise condensed milk by boiling the unopened tin for three hours without getting a sticky mess on the kitchen ceiling), delivered by Paul Jeffrey in a jaunty style probably unfamiliar to the three students opposite me on the big table, fresh from degree courses in international relations, classics and geography.

Then everybody trooped off to the domestic science wing of Bru-ton School for Girls - on their halfterm holiday - to get stuck in, on my visit, to "Milanzano all Parmigeana", salmon steaks and

lemon meringue pie. It was remarkable how seriously the students took their work. I'd guess that Alex (BA, Durham University; heading for a career in financial management) takes most things seriously: he had seen five different ski companies before are a few tips. Don't ask the chalet reps what's for supper: they are plumping for Crystal, because of taught not to answer, on the the cookery course and the chalet reps' perks - which include free skis and boots in the resort. But Paul (travel burn: previous engagements at Camp America, and working for a night-club in Ibiza) showed just as much application to his onion-dicing, apparently keen to score as high on cookery as he

must have done on personality in his interview. Paul and his conking mate, Katie, made : my lunchtime vegetarian special: it was delicious, certainly the best meal I've ever eaten in a school.

The degree of commitment probably reflected the fact that on this, the last of Crystal's three courses (there will be more next year), the students were potentially only a month away from living in the Alps, making a lot of new friends, and skiing to their hearts' content - a particularly motivating prospect for Paul, who has never skied in his life. The pay, on the other hand, is not much to write home about: £56 per week, of which £11 is held back until the end of the season because, as Rebecca Saxby says, "when they've only got two weeks to go, the snow is getting slushy, and all they've got to look forward to is cleaning up the chalet, they might otherwise be

tempted to disappear".

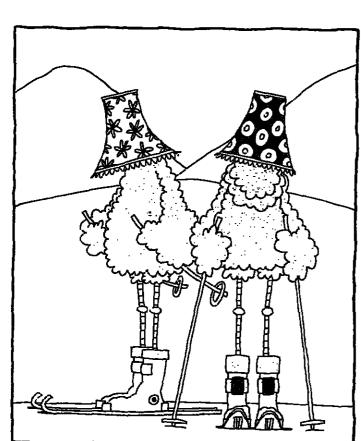
Before I disappeared from Bru-Before I disappeared from Briton, I ate some good low-altitude cake and watched a role-playing session (part of what Rehecca Saxby calls the "Crystallisation" process) in which the students acted out – and attempted to resolve – difficult moments in a chalet reposition. chalet rep's life. The tail, attractive woman who had studied drama (why didn't I get her name?) used her skills to play a bricklayer who had trashed the chalet; Steve, just out of the Marines and, at 31, older than most of the other stu-dents, played a rep in a toilet-cleaning dispute with a colleague. It would be a shame, after my

day's research, not to pass on what I learned to those of you who grounds that there'll always be someone who says "Oh, I don't like that". Expect boeuf bourguignon when you arrive, because as Paul Jeffrey says it "keeps going all day", which is helpful if there are travel delays. And don't be sur-prised if your chalet reps seem particularly well-trained this year.

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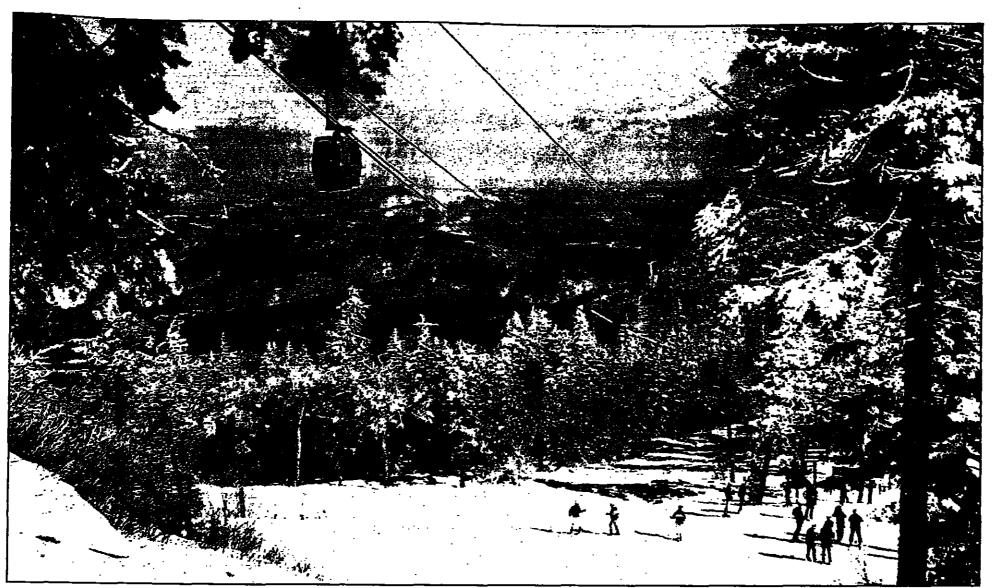
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Killington in Vermont has the longest lift in the US, and the longest trail - 16km for a drop of 945m

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## Skiing for New England

Chris Gill on the virtues of skiing in the US

he British appetite for skiing in the States seems insatiable. We first started to go there in seri-1980s, when for three years in a row the Alps failed to deliver the raw material falls. I also enjoyed the quietest pistes: - and had a damn good time.

It didn't matter that even the biggest ski areas weren't big enough to compete with the mega-resorts of Europe, huge. Even Killington, the biggest, is and that the mountain restaurants no rival for Vail or Mammoth. But, like offered little more than rehydration facilities. The hotels and apartments were splendidly comfortable, the resorts (which means the people) refreshingly cheerful and efficient.

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Back in the 1980s, we went first to Colorado, dominated by super-smart Vail and Aspen. Good skiers went on to discover the next-door states of Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico. Then, winter surpluses of accommodation and scheduled flights combined to make holidays in California a compelling bargain. And now much the same formula is attracting Brits by the thousand to the opposite extremity the New England states of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

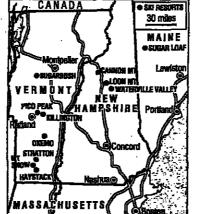
The standard view from the privileged heights of Colorado is that New England, like California, has rubbish snow; but few European visitors would agree. Powder to rival the best of the Rockies is certainly rare in the low-altitude seaside climate of New England. But many resorts get just as much snow as typical Colorado resorts. the region's famously low temperatures allow snowmaking on a grand scale, and

I enjoyed some of the best piste conditions of the season in New England last winter, only a couple of weeks after ous numbers at the end of the the disastrous thaw that followed the region's headline-making January snowof skiing – snow. We duly found snow most Americans go for the weekend, – and had a damn good time. most Americans go for the weekend, and midweek in the quieter resorts you may literally have a run all to yourself.

It is true that the ski areas are not most American resorts, they pack in a lot of skiing (and variety). The runs don't lack length - several areas have verticals of over 800m (on a par with Keystone) and most have over 600m (matching Breckenridge). Nor do they lack challenge: most of New England's double-black-diamond slopes are steeper than any piste you're likely to find in the Alps.
If you're worried about monotony,

the obvious answer to is to visit more than one resort. Packages routinely include a car - in many resorts, you'll want one anyway to get the best out of your stay - and it's easy to get around the region either on day trips from a fixed base or on a tour of two or three different resorts. And getting around is rewarding; you drive through neat little towns and ramshackle hamlets, with classic country stores selling maple symp alongside gasoline, and past picture-book frozen lakes with

people fishing on the ice. The best-known resorts are in Vermont. Killington, more or less in the middle of the state, is the largest



(915 acres), vertical drop (970m) or top àltitude (1290m). It has the longest lift in the US, and the longest trail - 16km for a drop of 945m (just steep enough to keep you moving). The resort has no focus, but is widely spread along the road up to the skiing and around its base. The car parks of the bars and restaurants dotted along the road fill up from mid-afternoon, heralding the liveliest aprèx-ski scene in New England, and perhaps in the States.

South of Killington are several smaller resorts, each with skiing on the flanks of a single peak - too limited for a week, but worth considering for outings or combination into a tour. Okemo, the nearest, aims mainly for the family market. You can stay in condominiums among the trees lining the lower slopes, or down the road in the town of Ludlow. Stratton is a smart

modern development with a pedestrian of modern slopeside accommodation accommodation is a short drive away. special jolly version of the trail map. Stratton calls itself "snowboarding capital of the East", but Mount Snow claims its 900m-long snowboard park Interstate 93 highway that bisects the is the biggest in the East.

resorts more appealing to the long- culty, with less to challenge the good stay European visitor. Sugarbush is a skier than in Vermont. Cannon is a ski fast-developing resort with one of area and nothing more, with two base the larger ski areas, its two sectors now linked by a long up-and-over chair-lift. The easy skiing is confined to the coln. Just outside sprawling Lincoln is lower slopes; higher up, the direct runs are seriously steep. There are condominiums (and a good sports centre) in Sugarbush Village at the base, but most of the accommodation is a drive away in historic Waitsfield.

The town of Stowe is a classic New England charmer, its main street lined by dinky clapboard buildings (though much of the accommodation is dotted along the 15-minute drive out to the mountain). The ski area is dominated by the famous Front Four - a row of seriously steep double-black-diamond runs. But there is plenty of intermediate and easy stuff, too, especially in the separate Spruce Peak sector. Stowe has excellent cross-country centres (including the musically famous Trapp Family Lodge).

Smugglers' Notch is just over the hill. Its ski area is spread over three satisfyingly varied hills, with some real challenges on the highest one as well as long easy runs for confidence-building. But it is as a family resort that

shopping street at the foot of the slick and an impressive range of services and modern lifts - though most of the distractions for kids; they even get a

The most interesting resorts of New Hampshire are clustered around the state - so they are easily combined. North of Killington are three Most are mainly of intermediate diffiareas close to the 193; you can stay a few minutes' drive away in Franconia or Lin-Loon, a small, smart, modern resort with some accommodation at the foot of the slopes. Waterville Valley is a compact ski area with runs dropping either side of a broad, gentle ridge. The village is a Disneyesque affair a couple of miles

> The main resorts of Maine are bigger and more varied. Sunday River spreads impressively across a broad mountain range, with (at the last count) eight liftserved peaks. It's great cruising terrain. with broad well-spaced runs; there are very extensive easy slopes, but also plenty of challenges higher up. There is a lot of accommodation inoffensively spread around the base areas. Although rather isolated Sugarloaf

away, down on the flat valley bottom.

covers a broad mountainside with a great deal of tree skiing. From gloriously long easy runs at the base, the slopes get steeper as you go up, ending in short but serious double-blacks descending from open snowfields. The smartly modern resort spreads around the base; for New England charm, you "Smuges" has won awards. It has lots can stay 15 miles away in Kingfield.

## The rail alternative for skiers

By Christian Wolmar

have a dream. I want to get on a train at Waterloo station, go to sleep, and wake up as we pull into one of those quaint stations in the Savoie valley in the French Alps from which the ski slopes are barely an hour's bus ride [ wouldn't mind if I could also arrive at St Anton or Innsbruck by the same method.

Travelling by train has many advantages. The

other main ways to travel - by plane, followed by a long coach ride, and by road - leave you exhausted. The plane coach combination is the worst. We became infuriated with 4am starts and lengthy coach rides. And why do they make no effort to give you half a day's skiing on the first day? Instead there's a lengthy lunch stop at some soulless mall in the valley. So, for the past five years, we have gone by train to Savoic.

Many resorts are accessible by train, Most large French Alpine skiing areas are within an hour's coach ride from a station. In Austria, St Anton and Innsbruch can be reached overnight from Paris. The way to get to Austria is to take Eurostar in the evening to Paris, have a nice meal and get the Aarlberg Express from Paris Est which reaches St Anton station - right in the middle of the resort - just after 7.30am next day.

For France, there is still the old method of taking the ski train from Calais, after a ferry ride over the Channel. This is pretty gruesome. The ferry is prone to delays, and the trains seem to be trundled out of SNCF's museum for the sole purpose of transporting British skiers. The coaches have the irritating habit of being plunged in darkness just as you are tucking into your baguettes - there are no dining cars, only a spit-and-sawdust disco where holiday romances begin (and, on the way back, end).

So go, instead, by the Channel Tunnel which offers two ways of getting to Bourg St Maurice, Gervais and Briançon: daytime high-speed trains or overnight sleepers - both available from 17 December to 20 January for £144 from French Railways. The daytime trains take nine hours or so to get to Bourg St Maurice with just a change in Lille. Stupidly, this involves a short coach journey between the two Lille stations: the French transport system is still not totally integrated. Or, for a few extra guid you can change in Paris, with a short metro ride through the city from Gare du Nord to Gare de Lyon.

This year, you can also take an overnight sleeper from Lille to the Alps, with the great advantage of two extra days' skiing (both Saturdays in the resort). Eight days skiing is so much better than six, which make you feel it's time to go home almost as you get there. The only extra cost is the ski pass for the two days and the price of a nice meal at one of the excellent restaurants that surround every station.

So far, though, SNCF does not seem to have got its act together to create these through links. At Easter last year, we wanted to take the train via Lille but were told that the special ski train would not run after the end of March. So 50 of us trailed our equipment through Paris at 9pm on Good Friday to get the overnight from Gare de Lyon, and I am going to have to repeat the experience this year even though we are going at Christmas because, amazingly, SNCF is not running a train that weekend.

As for my dream of direct trains. Eurostar say that they may try a few runs of daytime trains towards the end of the season; the journey would take around eight hours. But the night stock, to be used for overnight journeys on routes such as Glasgow to Paris, will be available for winter 1997/8. Tour operators are lining up to buy space. All sorts of possibilities are being considered, such as weekend overnight trips and daytime journeys, but Eurostar, like SNCF, does not seem to have realised the potential of ski trains. And technical problems mean it will probably not be until the 1998/9 season that the train comes into its own for most skiers.

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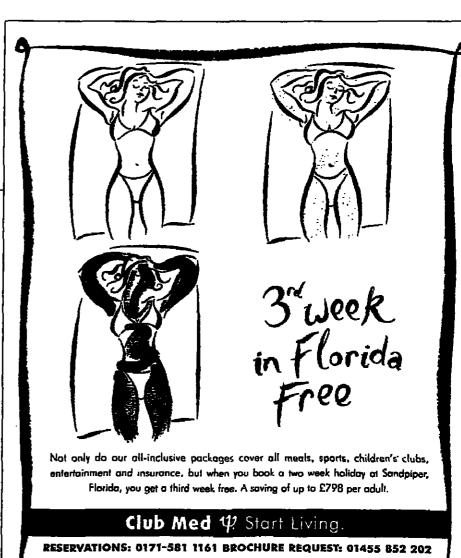
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The Roads family visits Quarry Bank Mill in Styal, Cheshire

octor Who's Tardis aside, visit to Quarry Bank Mill, Styal, is the best method of travelling back in time. A stone's throw from Manchester Airport, the former cotton mill is now owned and managed by the National Trust and is one of the best preserved factory colonies in the world.

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The man responsible for the complex was one Samuel Greg, born in Belfast in 1758. The company specialised in "putting-out", the prac-tice of distributing raw materials to home-based cotton spinners, for later collection and sale. But Greg along with other entrepreneurs of his time, wanted to produce the goods more efficiently and at greater profit to himself.

So, in 1784, convinced that the fast-flowing River Bollin would give him the water power that he needed, Greg started construction of a four-storey mill. A little later. he built an apprentice house for child labourers indentured from the workhouses, a mansion for his family, and made improvements and additions to the nearby agricultural village of Styal, to provide housing for his workers. The mill was later extended, not only by Samuel Greg, but also by his descendants, who continued making cotton until 1959.

The mill now houses an impressive museum where the story of the cotton industry is told via a series of hands-on displays, reconstrucattendants in period costume.



Barbara Roads, a primary school teacher went to Quarry Bank Mill with her husband, Jim, a librarian, daughter, Emily, 16, and her sister. Janet Marsden, a freelance writer.

Janet: Coming from an industrial part of West Yorkshire, my primary school history lessons were dominated by accounts of the effects of way they lived - and laboured.



tions and live demonstrations by The story of cotton, and exploitation of children, is told through a series of displays and reconstructions Photograph: Janet Marsden

the Industrial Revolution and tales Emily: I have to do a project on of the Luddites. That part of British social history is particularly well documented at Quarry Bank exhibition. When you stand eyeball-to-eyeball with one of the millwrights who looked after the water wheel and see the pathetically small metal cups in which he and his fellow workers collected their wages, you start to get a feel for the

Quarry Bank Mill as part of my GCSE course in history, so I went to suss the place out in advance of Mill. I especially liked the photo- a school trip. I liked the Apprengraphs in the Mill Workers' World tice House the best. The lady in costume who took us round told us a lot of interesting things - like the fact that Samuel Greg preferred girl workers to boys because they were less trouble, but that he didn't like red-heads because he thought they were the devil's children.

I did find it difficult to believe that

up to 90 children at any one time lived together in the house. The bedroom was really small for that number and I couldn't imagine sleeping there in the winter without lumpy, straw-filled mattresses.

Jim: The story of cotton starts on the upper floors and you work your way downwards from there, ending up in the weaving sheds off the machines. Although there Luckily, you can get to see it at close

was a notice warning visitors not to stay in there too long because of the excessive noise, I soon found myself mesmerised by the process.

Despite the clattering of the any heating or electricity and on looms, you are also aware of a low rumbling beneath your feet, which comes from the 24-feet diameter water wheel directly below. Up until my visit to Quarry Bank, I'd only ever seen a picturesque wooden water wheel at a flour where the finished product comes mill. This was altogether different.

quarters, via a viewing platform in the wheel pit.

Barbara: I found myself homing in on all aspects of mill life as it would have affected the children. When you're standing next to the spinning mules in operation, you can see for yourself how dangerous the work must have been for the small children who used to follow the moving carriages, twisting together broken threads and crouching under the machines to clean them.

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Access: There is limited access for wheelchair users - hence free admission. Free buggy park with back packs available to carry babies and toddlers.

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A Goofy Movie: Mickey's gangling side-kick gets a movie all to himself in this tall length musical cartoon which sees Goofy taking his offspring to the country for a spot of lather-son

James and the Giant Peach (U): Joanna Lumley and Miriam Margoyles give splendid cameos as James' spiteful aunts Sponge and Spiker in this part-animated film about an orphan and the insects he befriends.

The Wind in the Willows (PG): Terry Jones' poorly received live action version of the Kenneth Grahame classic, with a greenfaced director as Toad.

Roald Dahl's Matilda (PG): Danny De Vito directed and stars in this knockabout screen adaptation of Dahl's book. which retains all the rude nastiness that children love so

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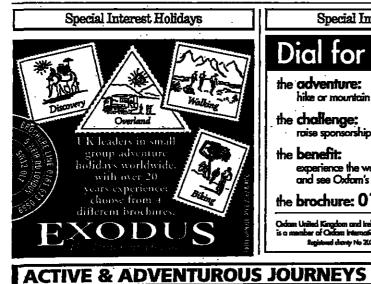
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## Yew versus Non-Yew

In Britain, garden styles are decided by social class, says James Bartholomew

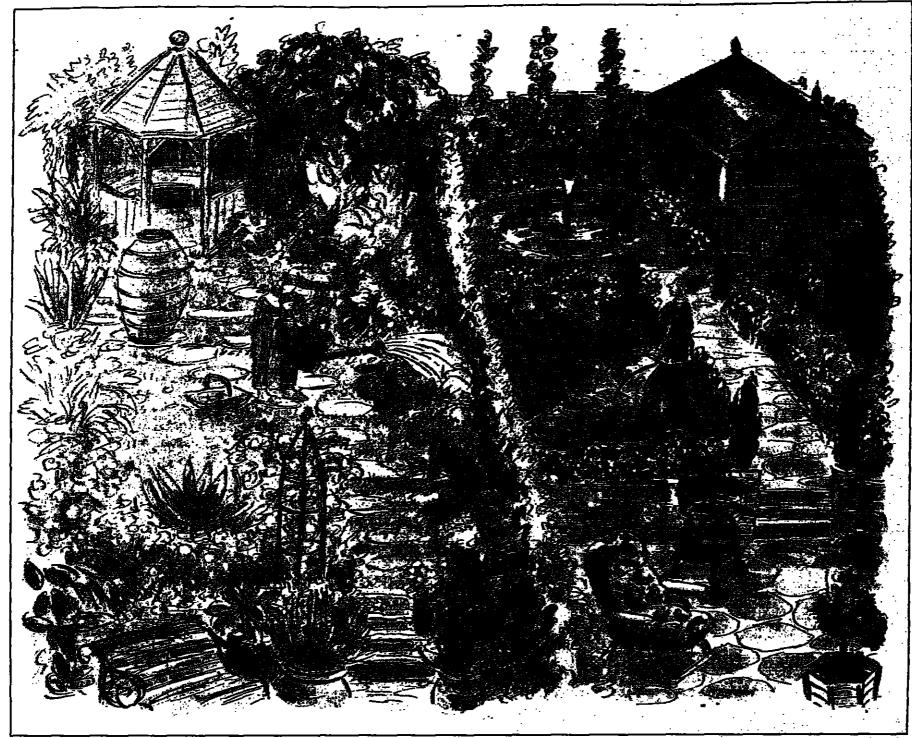
ifferent garden styles have always interested me far more than the horticulture itself. The style is the first thing to be decided upon when taking on a garden, or so it seems to me - before the cuttings, the rooting powder or the compost heap.

Probably most people do not consciously decide on the style of their gardens. They do not write in their diaries: "Today, I have decided to design my garden in the style of Oehme and Sweden, the modernist American team", or, Dan Pearson, move aside. Today I have decided to make mine the most jungly garden this side of North Africa." A few really keen gardeners with time on their hands may behave like this, but not the

Most people simply go along with a style that reflects their own cultural and social backgrounds. Italian people plant Italian-style gardens. Japanese people plant stones. And British people plant ... Well, they do not plant British gardens, since there is no such thing as one British style. Britain - as politicians regularly remark - is still divided into different social groups.

Our class system is reflected, perhaps even exaggerated, in the dif-ferent ways in which we garden. This is still a country of "two nations". each with its own culture and values. Some of us take holidays in the Dordogne, aghast at the thought that others of us are in Torremolinos. One section of society likes discreet hunting pictures. Another prefers that print of a glamorous, dark, oriental woman that was available at Woolworth's for many years. Similarly each of these groups has a dif-ferent gardening style: the U and Non-U, or, rather, as I call it, the Yew and Non-Yew.

Both of these styles are constantly evolving. I have an old book called Garden Ornament which shows just how dreadful (to modern taste) most upper-class gardens were at the turn of the century. They combined Italian formality with Victorian bedding-out. Although widespread, this style was already on the way out. The way to the future had been shown by William Robinson, Gertrude such as Penelope Hobbouse, Roselekyll and Reginald Blomfield, mary Verey and, indeed, Anna towards the turn of the century. Pavord, who normally writes in this box for the low. Within the borders, do with the Yew gardener's taste for materials. If, incidentally, this gar-The first two argued for the natural look; real plants, allowed to grow in drifts. The later argued for a return to a more formal look, with knot gardens and the like.



space. The style is a mixture of formal layout and informal planting.

Modern upper-class gardens vary, but the classic of the type has a formal layout near the house. This bord is more welcome than Rosa certain idea of what he or she The synthesis between their is kept in scale with the size of the opposing views is the basis of mod- house itself - otherwise it might em upper-class garden style. It is (horror of horrors) be considered exemplified by contemporary gurus pretentious. The formal lines are modern hybrids is because they to be restful, harmonious and in Yew gardener is more practical. He stone benches on which the upper Anna Pavord is on holiday

'Bobby Charlton' or 'Sexy Rexy', on the basis of its name alone.

species plants or old varieties are the past and a determination not to den happens to reinforce the garpreferred; they are considered more be associated with "garish" or dener's self-image as a squire or a

The upper-class gardener has a ered not unpleasing.

"natural". Their names are pre- (worst of all) "suburban" displays. lady of the manor, that is consid-

The other half of the gardening

- it is more often a he than among the upper classes - wastes no time in constructing a built-in barbecue to go alongside the substantial patio (made of pre-cast concrete slabs moulded to look like York wants a garden to do. Gertrude world makes completely different steel loungers coated with white Bartholomen is published by Century Jekyll defined it as trying to create demands of a garden. Untroubled poly-something-or-other provide at £9.99. In theory, the prejudice against a picture. This picture is required by aristocratic longings, the Non-real comfort (unlike the wood and

Not being quite so attached to nostalgia, Non-Yew gardeners use the latest, best, most colourful hybrids devised. What is more, they mix the colours together.
Upper-class gardeners adored powerful colour in Victorian times, but have now lost the stomach for it. Non-Yew gardeners have picked up where the upper classes left off, Wholly immune to colour nauses they feel that colour is good, there-Look through any edition of the weekly Gardening News for a pos-

I wrote along such lines in creating what I hope is a mildly humorous book about these contrasts in modern gardening styles (including a questionnaire for each reader to find his or her place on the horticultural scale). I had expected objections to the detail. I confess that I had not expected certain eminent members of the gardening establishment to jump up and claim that I was writing about a phenomenon that did not exist at all. "Absolute bunkum," one was reported to have said. Rosemary Verey said that the true differences in style were, instead, those between town and country gar-dens (an assertion, perhaps, not wholly unconnected with the fact that she has a book out on country gardens). Alan Titchmarsh said it was all a matter of fashion; snobbery was unknown.

I will defend my position. I call as my witnesses pink pampas grass, and multicoloured, oversize, hybrid dahlias and chrysanthemums. I ask them, "Where do you live? Do you come from a smart front garden in Kensington? Are you based at Sissinghurst or Hidcote? Are you anywhere in Rosemary Verey's own garden in Gloucestershire, with its discreet knot garden and avenue of pleached hornbeam?"

I think not. These plants will attest that they reside in suburbs, towns and villages (fashionable and unfashionable) tended by gardeners who are usually far more knowledgeable than their upperclass equivalents. The plants will say they are well looked after, colourful and bold. They have no pretensions, except to looking absolutely fantastic.

When Rosemary Verey grows them I will eat my gumboots.

## How do you fight slime-trailing pests?

Scientists are on the trail of more environmentally-friendly ways of killing slugs. Helen Lewis reports

rellets in blissful ignorance, conrgainst slime-trailing pests. How-ever, a vocal chorus of "hazardous" At p o wildlife" is causing the slug pel-

et to come under intense scrutiny. It appears that the pellet's active ngredients - metaldehyde and by rain. Not environmentally sound, nethiocarb - are not broken down and a big minus considering that nside the slug or snail but remain slugs cause most devastation in active and harmful, not just to wet conditions at night. Neverthe-

extinction. For years the ded-causing decline in Britain's song cated gardener has scattered slug thrush populations, and may also have an impact on mammals and terned only to protect plants birds of prey further up the food

At present there is a so-called wildlife-friendly slug pellet avail-able, based on aluminium sulphate. However, it is easily washed away homestic pets but also to wildlife less, scientists are changing their

some intriguing solutions.

Allowing certain weeds to grow could protect agricultural crops and well-tended gardens alike from slug damage. Research at Kingston University has shown that slugs eat cultivated plants because there is generally nothing else on the menu; if the pests are offered a diversion in the form of a more appetising

meal, they do less harm. ferent weed species that slugs showed a preference for dande-

n essential gardener's such as mice, hedgehogs and birds. tactics away from chemical pest lions, with groundsel the most weapon is threatened with. The slug pellet is being accused of control, and have come up with unappetising. Tests using wheat seedlings found damage was almost halved when dandelions were present compared to wheat only.

Some plants, though, produce their own defence mechanisms against slugs. One research team found that many species of the carrot family triggered nervous activity in slugs, and that the poisonous weed hemlock contains a chemical that curtails their desire to eat. Tests It was found in trials with 12 dif- are now being carried out on a synthetic form of that chemical extract, applied as a spray on various crops.

In the meantime, rather than showering the vegetable patch ad lib, try to catch a few slugs to test if enough are present to justify using pellets. The University of Newcastle, in conjunction with the pharmaceutical giant Rhone Ponlene, has carried out experiments to

find the best slug trap. They tried ceramic tiles, plastic saucers, carpet, black plastic sheet, bardboard, dustbin lids, bricks, egg trays and linoleum. Easily obtained baits were used, such as wheat, potatoes, bran, layers' mash, cabbage, beer, and cat food.

hardboard square baited with the hen food, lavers' mash. This made an ideal way to determine whether enough pests were present to justify pellets being applied.

Perhaps the most revolutionary technique is to water the garden with a solution containing a tiny parasite. Discovered by Long Ashton Research Station, the nematode parasite preys exclusively on molluses and poses no threat to other wildlife. It is killed at temperatures above 25C, therefore will not survive if accidentally eaten by

The winning combination was a a warm-blooded predator. One application lasts a season; the parasite dies out during cold weather.

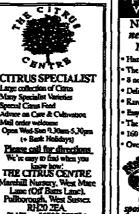
For gardens, high-value horticultural crops, and organic farmers forbidden by Soil Association ethics to use chemical methods of control, this is an effective technique. However, it is too costly for general agricultural use.

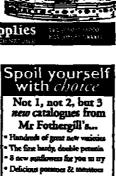
Lastly, a tried and tested method of slug control that costs nothing: Place one boot, very heavily, straight down on to the pest and twist hard. Leave for the count of 10 seconds and remove.



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## The alternative gardener

#### Louise Levene has subversive advice for lazy autumn days

coording to the garden-ing yearbooks, you and ponds. To transform should be able to pull leaves into nourishing leaf back the dining room curtains this morning and gaze upon bright orange rosehips, coppery foliage, autumn crocuses and golden spears of dogwood. But if your garden is. anything like mine the swish of chintz reveals a wasteland of yellow hostas knee-deep in decomposing leaves. Time to get weaving.

Gardening books usually say that: "fallen leaves should be raked up within a few days". This was all very well when there was a garden boy permrake and a wheelbarrow, you would do better to wait until the trees have finished shed-

mould, shove them into binliners with a few holes poked into the sides and leave to marinate for 12 months. Clear basement area/front garden of crisp packets, condoms and spent fireworks. Throw footballs over walls randomly, in the hope that they will find their way to the right address.

"Plant bare-rooted roses if the ground is not too wet," say the books. In practice, this may mean leaving the roses in the garage until they have died. Resist the temptation to anently on hand with a sprung cut back existing roses in colder areas, however awful they look; they could put on new growth during a mild spell

the buddleia and lavatera and knocked young trees into shape, get someone to hide your secateurs or you will be unable to resist over-tidying the garden, cutting off perfectly nice dead flowers and generally giving the place a cheap haircut. Relax.

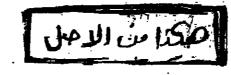
"If a plant is out of place now is the time to shift it", is the yearbook advice. Keep plenty of soil attached to the roots, dig a big hole and water in well. Then wonder if it looked better where it was.

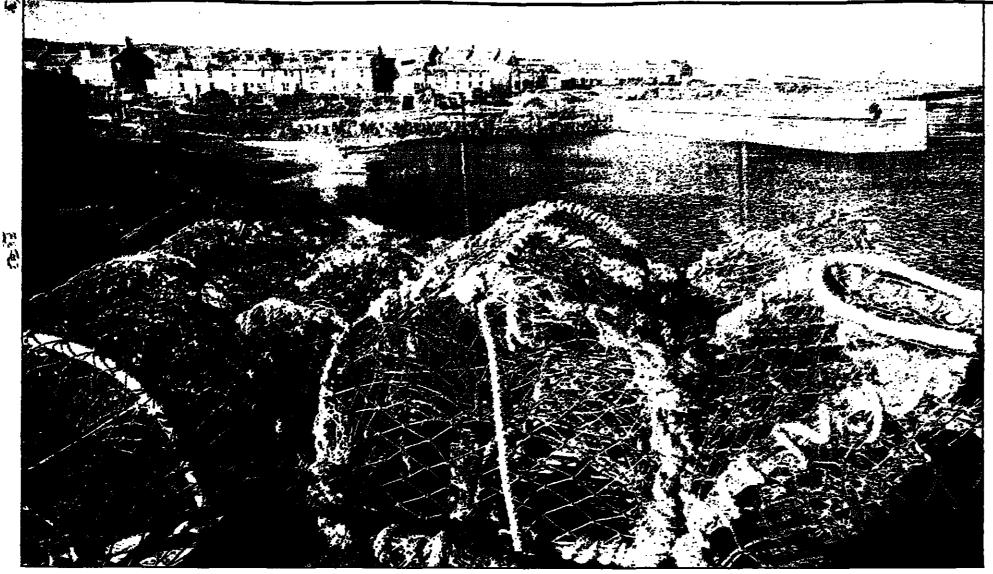
Plant tulips. Then more tulips. Dose liberally with Benlate before planting, to combat disease, and place each bulb on a handful of grit to guarantee decent drainage. Try to plant them behind a deciduous

This may well never happen, but at least you will have tried.

Now is the moment to evict the bracken plantation down by the privy. Be prepared for a fight as you untangle its rhizomes from the roots of that sycamore sapling you keep meaning to do something about. Bracken now covers an area the size of Yorkshire. It is also carcinogenic: don't inhale.

Wet leaves and lazy gardeners make this a safe, enjoyable time of year for slugs and snails. Less so for anyone hoping for lupin and digitalis next summer. You could do as one famous gardener suggests, and give dinner party guests a plastic carrier and torch and offer a prize for the biggest bag, but ding. Meanwhile, just keep on then get caught by the frost. In perennial that will later shoot at slides of Goa than motile top of the areas that really fact, once you have cut back up to screen dying foliage. around in a damp shrubbery.





## A sheep on the beach

#### Matthew Brace walks the Northumbrian coast, from Beadnell to Craster

orthumbria has 65 miles of coastline, from the Scottish border at Berwick-upon-Tweed to Blyth. Almost this entire length of coast has been classed as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. One of the most picturesque stretches is that between the two fishing villages of Beadnell and Craster.

Leave your car in Craster to tumble into when you finish your walk, and let Northumbria Buses take you from the bus stop opposite the cottages by the pretty horseshoe harbour, up to Beadnell.

The 20-minute ride follows the road just inland, and gives you a glimpse of what to expect on the walk: a shimmering sea, wild winds and a vast sky.

Beadnell, with its west-facing harbour – caused by a rock spit curling around the headland was once a thriving fishing village but has now lost almost all its trade. The last Beadnell tisherman. John Dixon, plans to retire this year.

Setting out on foot from the bus stop, follow the main road south through the village, along the sea wall, where even on a relatively calm day the waves can pound so hard they throw spray on to the road. The road bears right through a small estate of new houses and leads to a caravan park by the dunes. Here you have three options: either to climb the dunes and

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• From Beadnell walk south towards caravan park through new housing estate. Go through caravan park and either veer left for the dunes or straight on through the bird sanctuary (following a fence for part of the way).

• If you take the beach, on reaching the stream that crosses the sands, turn inland 200 yards to footbridge. The sanctuary route leads you directly to the bridge.

• Cross the bridge and head across Newton Links dunes path to car park, then take the road to High Newton-by-

• At village green, turn left and follow road for about a mile to Low Newton-by-the-Sea and rejoin the beach. • Follow shoreline for one-

and-a-half miles, watch, Where the sand gives way to slippery black rocks, head up through a gully in the dunes to the National Trust coastal path and turn left.

• Follow the path to

Dunstanburgh, skirting round the base of the castle's rock pedestal and entering from the south side.

 From Dunstanburgh head south along the coast path to Craster, and welcome kippers. Total distance: about 8 miles

birds), or to leave the bracing sea blasts for later and stroll through the bird sanctuary behind the dunes. It is worth carrying an Ordnance Survey map in your rucksack, for the paths are not signposted here. All three routes bring you to a wooden bridge across Brunton Burn as it empties into the Bay

Nanny, half-way along the beach's crescent. From the southern end of the bridge, follow a signposted path across Newton Links, a stretch of National Trust coastline, lis-

at a narrow estuary called Long

ovstercatchers. park by Newton Links House any bar in the country. take the road inland a little, to

tening for the mournful cries of

where you can rejoin the beach. At low tide along this beach - Embleton Bay - you may well meet a local shepherd herding along the beach, their hooves leaving a wake of churned sand

behind them. From the rocks known as Jenny Bells Carr, the daunting silhouetted ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle loom on the horizon. Dunstanburgh was built by Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, in Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, in Craster is signposted from the 1313. After his execution for B1340 and B1339, off the A1. treason in 1322, it became a

castrian base, until the Yorkists captured it in 1462.

Enough remains of Dunstanburgh to make it worth stopping for a look, even if this is just an excuse to get out the tea flask and admire the view from the castle walls.

From there to Craster, the path hugs the stony coast, a flat stretch popular on weekends with strollers from the village out for an afternoon blow along

Close by Craster's harbour is an oak-smoked kipper plant, now in its 90th year. This marks journey's end. Conveniently situated across the road is The To knock some sand out of Jolly Fisherman, a friendly pub your shoes, on reaching the car with arguably the best views of

From the lounge bar you can High Newton-by-the-Sea and gaze back along the wild sweep then Low Newton-by-the-Sea, of coast you have just walked, or south to the rock of Longhoughton Steel. Gulls the size of small eagles wheel above the waves, and the rocks are covhis sheep in a neat, tight flock ered with black cormorants dry-

ing their wings in the sun. The landlord, Billy Silk, delivers to the table a pint of Thorne bitter, a bowl of crab soup (laced with cream and whisky) and a plate of kipper pate, and everything seems right in the world.

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## The day of the tree

#### Richard D North reports

he new contender for the role of the standard-bearer of British conservation is the ancient tree. Tell it not in Japan, where they are revered, and you see sprawling, creaking old things, wired and propped up, like elderly people with artificial hips and Zimmer frames. It is the careless Brits who, with less fuss, do ancient trees the best. But they could try harder,

On Monday, English Nature and other tree custodians launch the Veteran Tree Project in Windsor Great Park. Says Ted Green, a forester and a consultant to the park's geriatric oaks: "We've got 80 per cent of the old trees left in Europe." His next point explains our need to make a fuss. "The Germans have just published a book of their top 100 old trees. We haven't. Yet in parts of Britain you can see several hundred in a few hundred acres."

Old trees are a part of our history. Medieval cathedrals and our Navy gobbled up prodigious numbers. The daughters, sisters even, of the beams of Lincoln Cathedral are still growing in Sherwood Forest. Windsor has trees planted in the 16th century, and they are striplings compared with the old fellows which remain, which may have been saplings when their parents were cleared to make way for grazing.

Many of our oldest trees are with us because they have been worked hard all their lives. They are now suffering from idleness. Massive trunks, cropped for brushwood, have grown and grown, but the top-hamper was kept until quite recently within supportable bounds. Their survival may depend on brutal pruning.

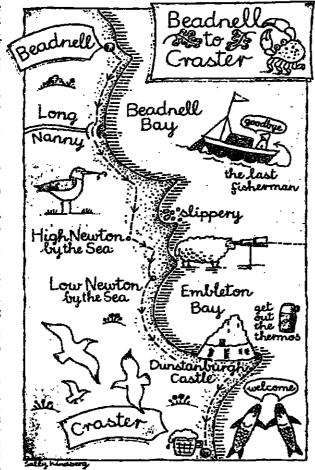
Indeed, wherever you see a tree standing alone and sentinel - say, in a great park - you are almost certainly looking at an artificial beast. In natural woodland there are few really old trees: fire, storms and competition for light keep the forest young. Only being huddled together with its fellows makes a forest tree tall and

straight. Lone trees are socially dysfunctional. If a parkland tree is gnarled and short, it will have been cropped most of its life. If it is tall, it will have been pruned to produce a long trunk.

These thoughts rather prompt one to support the Duke of Edinburgh's line a couple of years ago. To howls of rage from the conservationists, he insisted that it was right to knock down an avenue of old oaks in Windsor Great Park. There were, after ail, thousands of older, grander trees in the park; he wanted to lay down an avenue which would stand for several hundred years. And there's no semi-formal landscape without the clatter of the aristocrat and his chain-saw Capability Brown and Repton knew that. Mr Green stresses that whatever people say about the Duke and the Great Park. Windsor is the trail-blazer in the matter of caring for old trees.

Charles Watkins, one of our best historians of nature, notes that our affection for old trees is prone to fashion. "It was Druidical mythology, then the phoney-medievalism of Robin Hood: now it's bugs," he says: creatures such as the violet click beetle. The invertebrates that like rotting wood have a hard time in the rest of Europe, where aristocrats did not make (or get to keep) big parks, and tidy-mindedness (and war-tom peasantries) swept away old woodland trees. Britain is a bastion for insect life that has survived in a tradition of decaying heartwood running back to the islands' pre-history. The way to safeguard their future is to cherish our geriatric trees, whilst leaving as much dead wood around the countryside as possible.

For a free leaflet on the Veteran Trees Initiative write to English Nature, Northminster House, Peterborough PEI 1UA. See ancient trees in Windsor Great Park, Epping Forest (CL. Essex); Burnham Beeches (CL. Slough); Ashtead Common (CL. Surrey): Sherwood Forest (Visitor Centre, Edwinstowe, Notts: 01623 823202); Clumber Park (NT, Notts): Hatfield Forest (NT, Essex): Croft Castle (NT, Herefordshire); Calke Abbey (NT, Derbyshire): Attingham Park (NT, Nr Shrewsbury); Brockhampton Park (NT, Herefordshire): Duncombe Park (N Yorks). \*NT: National Trust. Call your regional office. \*CL: Corporation of London (01753 647358).



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> different times. The first at the very slowness of the operation, and at the way fresh droppers immediately start dotting are large and bright the expanse so laboriously swept clean. Another savage provocation is the knack which some leaves have of landing with their stalks in the cracks

job. But usually I find eaves! At this time of most primitive of year my wife invested in a good and wide, with I'd not deny that a certain satisfaction derives from lawn and choke the gutters as the scatter of red, brown and yellow is week after week, that they scratched back.

slimy - are treachery finger and thumb will personitied, since they dislodge them. turn any car which tries to When it comes to clearing. I am a brake into a toboggan. In recent weeks I have perfectionist; as with mowing grass or weeding read many an earnest dissertation by gardening vegetables, unless I do the experts on the richness of job thoroughly, I see no leaf compost, and the need to make the most of the autumnal fall-out. Great! But has anyone measured the sheer tedium of collecting it up? There are, I know,

machines which will do the myself driven back on that implements, the rake, Last couple of excellent rakes springy plastic teeth - and only one step away from Nebuchadnezzar, on all fours and eating grass. seeing green sward emerge

point in doing it at all. The instant ruination of one's efforts is therefore doubly vexatious. Yet one must at all costs resist the temptation to go back over the ground, picking up individual leaves. That way madness lies: the next thing you know, you will he trying to count the leaves left on the tree, or to estimate how many hundred thousand have failen aiready. You are

Every year it seems to me that the trees close to our house have entered into a silent conspiracy to Yet soon irritation rises divest themselves at

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and worst creator of havoc is a poplar, whose leaves yellow. Close behind it, in terms of time and the power to annoy, come three ornamental cherries. strategically deployed to create maximum scatter. Compared with these, the mulberry is an only minor menace, as is the weeping birch. The fig tree, on the other hand, is in a league of its own for sheer volume, its discards being the size of dinner plates.

The simplest way of dealing with the problem would be to take no action until all the trees were bare - but by then deep drifts would have formed. killing the grass and plants underneath them, and in any case, visitors arriving during the past few weeks would have found the place in a mess.

There is always a chance that the wind will help. An easterly gale would blast the remaining leaves harmlessly away over our own fields. Unfortunately. the prevailing wind is west and, no matter how it rises and falls, drifts always end up in the same few favourite places.

Keep at it, then. As I rake, my mind often turns for solace to four of the most memorable lines in the Iliad. "As with the generations of leaves, so with those of men." wrote Homer. "[In autumn] the wind showers leaves to the ground, but when the season of spring has come. the burgeoning wood puts others forth. So also with men: one generation flourishes, and another withers away." The words are spoken

by the Lycian leader

Glaucus as he challenges the Greek hero Diomedes to single combat in the gap between the armies battling for Troy. The simplicity of the original. which can hardly be rendered in English, makes the passage intensely moving. Thinking about it keeps me going for a while: is it not extraordinary that anyone could have expressed so poignant an idea, with such precision, in hexameter verse at least 800 years before Christ? But then I see a sudden swirl of wind ruin my latest handiwork, and I lay a bet with myself that Homer, who is reputed to have been blind in old age, never had to spend hours

wielding a rake.



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## The pain of uprooting

Rosalind Russell concludes her series on moving house

s one of life's enriching experiences, moving house is as desirable as an attack of mumps. It can, according to psychologists, take up to three years to get over the trauma. And despite having made the decision to sell - some people almost have to have their fingers prized off the

door frame before they'll let go. Max Robinson, the voice of radio tennis until his retirement, had a powerful attachment to his old home in Wandsworth, London, for which he'd asked John D Wood to find a buyer. A stipulation of the sale was that he be allowed to come back to the house for two weeks every year - during Wimbledon fortnight - during which time the new owner would be required to make himself scarce.

"This put off several potential buyers, including the late Alan Lerner, the My Fair Lady producer, who could not tolerate this," recalls estate agent Andy Buchanan, Finally a buyer agreed to the arrangement. Max Robertson did come back the following summer for his fortnight, but, it's thought, decided against

exercising his rights again.
On the Social Readjustments Scale of 0-100, moving house comes in at number 20. It sounds surprisingly low, given the number of things that can go horribly wrong . "It depends on the people," says psychologist Dr Tony Munton. "For some it's brilliant, but it depends on circumstances. Recent figures suggest one in three of people surveyed expect to move house in the next five years. In our research into job relocation - people moving at the behest of their company - we followed a sample of 200 employees. Fifty per cent find these feelings can persist for a year, remembers all too clearly the sometimes two to three years, depending on the family."

The people who find moving emotionally more difficult are, says Dr Munton, those who have lots of friends and active social circle. It is easier for self-contained families whose friends are not that close so they maintain contact by phone or

"As a species we like being in circumstances we can control or predict - which explains the popularity of package holidays.

Being taken away from familiar surroundings is difficult because the home is the most stable thing in our lives. People find it stressful. We asked those in the survey if there was a single event during the move that helped, and if so, what was it. Almost all said it was the moment the furniture van arrived with all their stuff. Then it felt like home."

A move resulting in a change of culture can be even trickier. One couple in the survey moved from a village in Wales to a city in the north of England but had to go back because they couldn't cope with it. They knew everyone in the village. It can work the other way. People who head for the hills expecting an escape from car radio thieves, school gate drug dealers and burglars can be horribly disappointed.

Research shows younger children tend to adapt much better and faster than older brothers and

"It is more common for those from 10 or 11 upwards to have

Adolescence exaggerates the nature of peer groups and friendships. When asked where they put their parents in a list of people close to them, most teenagers put them at four or five. Friends take the top three positions. Circles are very close knit; it's difficult to make new friends or break into a clique. It is a particularly sticky time for teenagers. Young mothers find it not so bad because they make friends through their children at day nurseries.

It can be a ghastly mistake to return to old haunts to see what the new owners have done to the ise. Author Rosie Thom embarrassment of spotting the couple who sold her their north London home peering over the hedge some months later. They had, they told the nanny who was sent to answer the door, come to hand over the barbecue spit for the oven which they had packed and removed by mistake. But Ms Thomas obviously didn't need it... the rest of the oven had been ripped out and replaced, and was awaiting collection by the rubbish van, in the front garden.



## More than bricks and mortar

### Do you care who buys your home? Penny Jackson reports

t may come as a surprise to anyone desperately scraping finances together for a final offer, but there are people who care more about who buys their house than how much they can get for it. Offers in excess of, Dutch auctions, sealed bids, forget all that, what these vendors want is peace of mind. They want to know that their-home is safe in new hands. Not surprisingly, estate agents urge clients not to get emotionally involved with a sale. But in more cases than they might wish, this advice falls on is necessary for his plans. deaf ears. Likes and dislikes are quite out of their control, however irritating, especially when they know a price could have gone higher. But those people who reluctantly sell a family house and stay close by know they will be painfully aware of any drastic changes.

Few know the dilemma better than Roger Lane. A Gloucestershire farmer from a village near Tewkesbury, he is selling a house that has been in his family for three hundred years, and is the ninth generation to farm the land around Chaceley Hall. He and his wife Rose and two children will move into a house they are building on the land.

those memories. I am not sure how we will feel. We are taking all the furniture that has been passed down through the generations, but it will be difficult. It took us five to years to decide to move out." A hard decision but one made on a sound business basis. Roger Lane wishes to diversify and enlarge the farm so that his son can take on the farming mantle if not the family home. He expects to lose £20,000 this year through falling beef prices: the sale of the house (£325,000 through Strutt & Parker)

"I still feel great sentimental attachment to it. For instance it has a lot of lovely old beams and if anyone started to change the character of it I would be into a boarding house as one couple upset. If it comes down to the nitty gritty of the last few thousand pounds I will be looking at the people rather than the money. They matter a great deal to us," admits Mr Lane.

Sentimentality can breed stubbornness. When Gold Walker came to sell her large family house in South London before the property market collapsed she knew exactly who she wanted to buy it, and she wasn't going to be bullied by an agent. When she finally found the "I grew up here and you can't block out right couple, they were surprised to be

shown out with the words: "You know clear. They scraped everything together what the agents want for the house, to make an improved offer. They couldn't what the agents want for the house, don'Ut you? Ridiculous isn't it. See what you can do."

They duly put in an offer of £30,000 less which she accepted. She even stuck with the present owners through a col-lapsed sale of their house and a process lapsed sale of their house and a process
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within a month took six. "Eight lots of Mr and Mrs so-and-so, don't like them, people wanted the house, some of couldn't stand him and so on. In fact she them with cash. I turned them down wanted to become friends with the new because I didn't like them," says Miss owners." Not unimportant for another Walker. "The house had been in the woman who wished to be able to visit family since 1933. It would have been the garden where her husband's ashes terrible to see it divided up and turned wanted. Its spirit would have been destroyed."

The size of her financial sacrifice is rare, but the principle is not. Atty Beor-Roberts of Knight Frank's Cirencester office was recently selling a £750,000 Thomas of Strutt & Parker's Exeter office house for a client who very much wanted it to go to a family. There were two bid-ders, one a local family, the other a school. Another client rejected an offer woman on her own from London. "When of £2,000 more because the bidder had the local family came round, my client got seven dogs. "She couldn't bear the on very well with the wife. She wanted thought of her neighbours being kept them to have the house and made this awake all night," he said.

match the first offer but my client sold to them even though she lost the best part of £15,000," says Mr Beor-Roberts.

"Another client rang me to discuss the sale of her house, for which 12 people were scattered.

No wonder, then, that estate agents are so keen to impress on buyers the importance of getting on with the vendor. Nor is it always just a matter of the owner's was asked to sell a house to a family who

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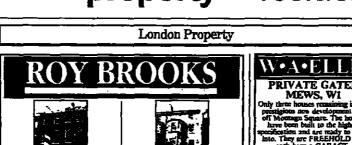
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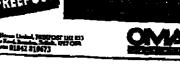
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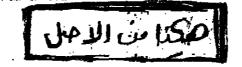
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A flat vote for security

City dwellers prefer apartments to houses. says Stella Bingham

about the breathalyser when out

on the town. The cure for stress is city cen-

tre living, where shops, restaurants and

jobs are all a short stroll away from home.

The number of households in England

is expected to rise by 4.4 million by 2016

and the Government wants at least 50 per

cent of these new homes to be on urban

land. The move is already well under way.

Inner-city former industrial sites and

rubbish-clogged canal-sides have been

transformed into places where people

work, rest and play. Cities such as New-

castle and Leeds no longer die after dark.

an apartment, but the house-builder Bar-

ratt has identified a demand for trad-

itional, two-storey houses in inner Lon-

For most people, an urban home means

ive up the draining daily commute developments in Limehouse, Poplar and to work. Abandon the search for Bermondsey have all been snapped up. the elusive parking space. Forget

Barratt East London chairman, David Pretty, says that: "Even in areas where commerce and the City are the focus of working lives and flat dwelling is the norm, there are still people who feel that the ideal property is their own house with their own front door and a private garden." Chris Shaw and Laure Thebault, who

both work for an insurance broking firm in Aldgate, paid £84,000 for a two-bedroom townhouse in St James's Walk, beside Canary Wharf. "The thing that impressed me most about the house was the fact that it had a garden," says Chris. "I had been wanting one for some time. There aren't many properties so close to . the City which have gardens.

"Also, there was a problem parking with my old flat. Now I have my own parking don. Barratt's three townhouse

city-dwellers. Steve Sayers, of Beazer Homes' Edinburgh region, reports that: "Buyers come from all walks of life - from young professionals who do not have time to spend in the garden, through to couples approaching retirement who are looking for a home they can leave in the

"Apartments are simply horizontal houses" say the developers of Symphony Court in Birmingham

developments of one- and two-bedroom flats in Edinburgh. Prices start at £39,995. When Dr Keith Sansom, 52, chairman and chief executive of the BIP Group, and his wife Jennifer, 50, needed a Birmingham base to add to their homes in London and Sydney they chose a two-bedroom flat in Symphony Court, a smart waterside devel-

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But flats are still first choice for most in London during the week. "We chose a flat with a terrace, for the sun and its aspect. We did not buy a townhouse because we wanted to keep to a budget and we felt a flat could give us what we wanted.

"It totally fulfils our needs. It's an upmarket crash pad for my husband in the week, and I can come and go as I want. I enjoy the buzz of living in a city and there are concerts and theatres nearby." Per square foot, the three-storey townhouses and the flats cost about the same,

says Keith Pepperdine of Symphony Court's developers, Crosby Homes. "Apartments are simply horizontal houses. But the houses are larger because of stairwells and so on, so they cost more. With townhouses you have the advantage of your own front door, no shared hallway and a garden, but many people feel apartments offer a greater degree of security." city," says Jennifer, who works and studies Prices for remaining properties start at

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"We see a lot of people who live in London when they are single, move out when they have a family and move back in when they are 55-plus," says Mike Dobner, sales and marketing manager of Fairclough Homes. "And they are generally looking for a flat with two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a nice outlook, off-street parking and access to the Tube. There is the lockup-and-leave factor. In a house, people tend to know you are not there."

Mike Dobner agrees that it costs roughly the same to build townhouses as flats. Richard Wood-Penn, joint managing director of FairBriar disagrees. "It is almost invariably more expensive to build flats because once you go over three storeys you have lifts and a higher level of servicing. They are more expensive structurally, and you have a greater density of bathrooms and kitchens."

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Nonetheless, FairBriar's three London developments in Limehouse. Chelsea and Westminster are all apartments, "We are largely driven by planning constraints. These are areas where tall buildings are acceptable and we are following the style. And there is more demand for flats from urban dwellers." Prices at Dunbar Wharf, Limehouse, range from £85,000 for a one-bedroom apartment to £575,000 for the penthouse.

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Tim Truman of Charles Church also believes that up-market apartments can be more expensive to build than townhouses of similar quality. "If you have gated entrances, lifts and underground parking you are going to pay a premium. These are the sort of properties that appeal to wealthy singles and divorced people and overseas buyers.

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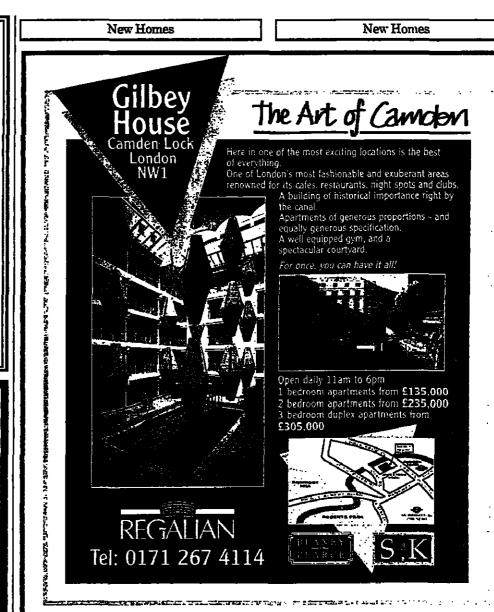
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be going through an uncertain patch. In so far as it makes sense to generalise, discounts in the widened, to the point where you can once more buy a general trust like Alliance or Foreign & Colo-nial on a 10 per cent discount (and some of the more exotic species on much bigger discounts).

In the short term, part of it has to do with the fact that the market, after its strong recovery in the summer, seems once more to have relapsed into pre-electoral uncertainty. Sterling's strength has not helped much either. And the fuss over Kepit, Kleinwort Benson's unhappy European privatisation trust (now liquidated), has done little for the image of investment trust managers. Overall, the sector gives the strong impression of drifting rather uncertainly.

However much the marketing men may try to convince you NatWest's view, is a necessary otherwise, investment trusts are

sector, which - as I mentioned a demand, and fluctuating degrees couple of weeks back - seems to of competition. The sector has grown furiously in the last 10 like 100 different management sector this year have generally companies and 350 different trusts to choose from. In 1985 there were barely half that number.

The flood of new entrants and new products reached something of a climax in late 1993 to early 1994. At the time, discounts on many trusts had disappeared altogether, and for a while, says Hamish Buchan, you even had the bizarre spectacle of investors buying new issues in the hope of making an instant profit, as if they were privatisation stocks. (Bizarre, since as investment trusts normally trade at a discount to net assets, hopes of a significant immediate premium are by definition improbable.)

Some correction after the boom period of 1993-94 was inevitable, and what we are seeing now, in process of digestion. Whether you NatWest duo delivered their lat- an industry like any other, with the look at three-year, one-year or

that investment trusts collectively have underperformed the Ali-Share index over the recent past. years. Today there are something reversing the trend of the previous

> Not only are there too many trusts around, but too many of the funds in the list today are failing to take advantage of their investment trust status to do the things that they alone can do. That is to say, they are neither using their gearing power - their ability to borrow additional cash to increase investments and enhance returns - nor investing in unlisted securities. To all intents and purposes, they are behaving like ordinary managed funds which just happen to be investment trusts.

As many as 100 of the 350 current trusts, reckons Mr Buchan, have never used gearing at all in their lives. He thinks it is time that investment trusts woke up to the competitive threat which OEICs may pose when they are finally introduced next year. (OEICs, or open-ended investment companies, are the new hybrid form of trusts if the accumulated CGT lia- existing generalist trusts.

est update on the investment trust same cycles of supply and three-month data, it is no accident investment fund - half way bility which currently locks them between an investment trust and a unit trust - which the Government is legislating to create to offer more variety to investors.)

Most commentators so far have worked on the assumption that OEICs were more likely to take business away from unit trusts than from investment trusts. But this may be a false assumption. A trust like Kepit, which invested conventionally, with zero gear-ing, might well have been better suited as an OEIC. Rather than having to suffer a large and persistent discount, investors would then at least have had the chance to get out at any time without an added penalty.

Also on the horizon looms the spectre of changes in capital gains tax. The tax threat comes in a number of different forms, but none of them is likely to be good for the market or the investment trust sector. (One fear is that many of the big insurance companies will want to sell their chunky holdings in investment in is removed).

As it happens. Mr Buchan and his colleagues are doubtful whether either the tax or the OEIC threat will in fact materialise and do much damage in the short term, whoever wins the election. Lam less sanguine about that than they are. But the underlying argument that investment trusts are facing a period of financial Darwinism" seems spot on to me.

Those investment trusts who fail to manage their discounts, or put the interests of the fund management company above those of the shareholders investors (as many are wont to do), face a tougher time.

Management fees in particular are likely to come into the spotlight once more. Note, says Nat-West, how new issues in the investment trust sector typically charge up to 1.5 per cent of assets under management as an annual fee, compared with the more typical 0.3-0.75 per cent range for

After several years of growth, there is a fair chance, reckons NatWest, that the investment trust sector will see a net outflow of investors' eash for the first time next year. It is when industries start to contract after a period of rapid growth that the class acts tend to come into their own, and the less competent stumble.

Investment trusts are no different. So a period of consolidation. here as elsewhere in the fund management business, seems inevitable. And where will that leave investment trust discounts? Well, it will vary from sector to sector. NatWest likes a number of trusts in the Income Growth and Smaller Company sectors, for example.

But, overall, the odds must be that discounts will not narrow greatly in the short term. If so, the implication is that performance will continue to drag for those who are already fully invested, but that those looking to invest new sums should be able to find bargains assuming they know where and

# Avoiding a life sentence

Peter Rodgers on how to force insurers to keep their promises

t took a great deal of pressure to persuade the life insurance industry to begin disclosure last year of the effect of charges and surrender penalties on the performance of endowments and pension plans.

Using this information, the Independent last month published league tables of companies performance based on work by John Chapman, a former senior official at the Office of Fair Trading, who before he retired wrote many hard-hitting reports on the life insurance industry.

The tables are the best method yet devised for assessing whether the products a company is offering are good, bad or indifferent. But Mr Chapman believes much more needs to be done to make sure life insurance companies deliver the performance they promise.

The Independent's rankings show a company's past performance and its projections of future returns. They are based on the fact that charges and surrender penalties, rather than investment performance, are the most important determi-

to C- for a policy's past performance at three stages - when it is surrendered early, part-way through its life or at maturity. The same rankpany's own projections of future performance. It turns out that only their projections of good future performance with a comforting trackrecord of good payouts in the past.

jecting a future performance considerably better than in the past across a range of products. Clearly,

nant of a policy's value. The tables give a ranking from A+

ings are repeated using the com- achieved much bigger cost reduca handful of companies can back reserves of free assets to subsidise better in the marketplace.

Many others (see table) are proacross a range of products. Clearly, later on to bump up their income they are asking customers to take on from customers. One loophole is that they have trans- where actual charges on a with-

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several possible explanations. Comtions than the rest of the industry. Or they may be borrowing from their new products and make them look

Another possibility is that some may be taking advantage of flexibility in the disclosure regulations, in effect by introducing new charges

than those a company projected panies may have had a disastrous when it sold the product (after makinvestment performance that under- ing allowances for inflation), it is mined past results. They may have allowed to compensate by adjusting the bonus rates downwards.

This amounts to imposing a new surrender penalty not included in the projections made when the policy was sold. The Personal Investment Authority, the watchdog, defends this on the grounds that with-profits policies should be treated the same way as unit-linked policies, which are allowed to increase

formed their performance. There are profits policy turn out to be higher into insolvency. This threat is so remote as to be irrelevant.

According to Mr Chapman, about two-thirds of the costs to a company of running a policy are for commissions and marketing. These are short-term and predictable. Other costs, such as overheads, administration, life cover and fund management fees, are much lower, and also largely controllable. It seems changes could drive a life company to the wall, says Mr Chapman.

When it comes to checking whether companies are raising their

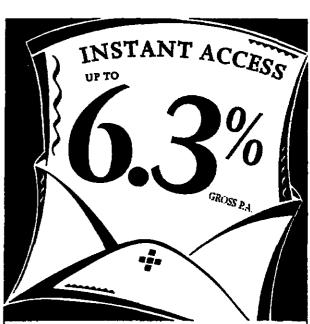
insurance policies are particularly hard to deal with. With-profits policies are notoriously one-sided contracts, because the company has enormous discretion in setting bonus rates. Furthermore, there is no data published on the individual charges made for with-profits policies.

Some companies certainly consider that their actual future payouts should closely follow the charges assumed in their projections at the time the policies were sold. Companies where the marketing director carries more weight than the actuary may believe the projections are largely illustrative, and they rely on the discreet imposition of extra charges or penalties later in the life of a policy to improve their profits.

So why not force them to declare the assumptions about charges, which they must anyway make in private to calculate their projected bonuses and payouts? It would then be possible, by combining the data with actual figures for investment performance, to spot attempts to raise charges beyond the levels projected when the policies were sold.

This would not be a straightforward exercise, since allowance would have to be made for the convention of smoothing returns over a number of years. It would be rather easier with unit-linked policies to make these checks about whether promises are kept because more detail is disclosed already about charges.

But in both cases, it would be hard for an individual policyholder to highly improbable that unforeseen assess whether he or she had been treated honestly, without expert help. One solution would be for policyholder committees to be formed for each company to look at these charges secretly, breaking faith with issues and report on whether the their customers, with-profits life promises have been kept.



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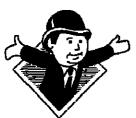
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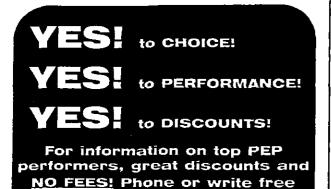
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# Many healthy returns

Alison Eadie looks at healthcare in our series on specialist funds

he election this week of a Democrat to the White House and a Republican majority to Congress was viewed by Wall Street as positive for healthcare stocks and they duly shot up in price. The last great bear market in healthcare stocks was in 1992, prompted by fears that Hillary Clinton was trying to nationalise America's healthcare industry. Her reforms failed and the consensus view now is that any further attempts at change will be much less radical.

Although pharmaceutical and healthcare companies have to compete globally to succeed, the market is dominated by the US because of its high private sector spending on health and because it spawns so many innovative companies. With some 1,000 quoted healthcare companies to choose from in the US alone, the range and opportunity is enough to keep most managers of specialist healthcare funds busy.

Framlington's Health Fund is usu-ally 75 to 80 per cent invested in the US, but fund manager Antony Mil-ford points out that in recent months European holdings have been the best performers. He would like to invest more in Europe. The fund holds a range of UK and European stocks including Pliva, a Croatian drug company. It has little in Southeast Asia, as there are few domestic healthcare plays there. Mr Milford expects rising world demand for drugs and medical services to be met

by US and European firms.

Advances in medical science generate new demand. The price of success is to some extent new diseases seeking a cure like Alzheimer's. Finally creeping privatisation of systems in many developed countries opens opportunities to healthcare companies to step into the breach.

Big pharmaceutical companies are once again the stock market's compounded by a strong pound. darlings. In the past six months they have bounded ahead, leaving smaller healthcare companies behind. Biotech stocks, which could do no wrong at the start of year, are firmly out of favour. The reversal of sentiment has hurt funds like Framlington and GT Healthcare, which focus on smaller companies, more than those like Finsbury Worldwide Phar-



Critical condition: Changes in many national healthcare systems have opened up opportunities for companies Photograph: Glynn Gnffiths

maceutical, which has a 60/40 split

of large to small companies. Framlington's long-term record is underfunded national healthcare excellent. Over five years it has returned 180 per cent, compared with a rise in the S&P Healthcare Index of 85 per cent, but it has fallen since its peak in May, its problems

> Some 35 per cent of the fund is in what Mr Milford describes as quoted venture capital. These are companies about to launch their first products but as yet making no profits. The risks involved in such a strategy are mitigated by the fund's spread of

San Francisco, took a beating in the

summer after the speculative bubble burst. Manager Mike Yellen says disenchantment with over-valued new issues spilled into high-quality laterstage bio-techs. His response was to buy and the fund is up 21 per cent since January against an average for

US healthcare funds of 7 per cent. The bio-tech sector is also diverging, Mr Yellen says. Blue-sky companies present too great a risk, too long a wait before drugs get to market and too great a requirement for capital to offer shareholders a worthwhile return. However, later stagecompanies with drugs undergoing final trials can produce greater than GT Healthcare, managed out of expected sales when the drug finally

Finsbury Worldwide Pharmaceutical, an investment trust which invests only in pharmaceutical and bio-tech companies, has been a victim of its own success. Demand for its shares has pushed their price to a consistent premium to net asset value. According to Micropal the trust shows total returns of 55 per cent over the past year. The trust's asset values have moved sideways in

British investors keen to buy into the long-term healthcare story have

the past six months, but the premium

cial Beckman Bio-tech. GTF's fund is a Dublin-based European unit trust. Among investment trusts there is Finsbury's Worldwide Pharmaceutical and Rothschild's International Biotechnology.

A new investment trust was also launched last month to participate in the \$2,500bn annual global healthcare spend. The Healthcare Reform Investment Trust, managed by HealthReform Partners in the US, invests in the whole spectrum of medical activity, with particular emphasis on medical devices and a limited range of retail funds to services. These, it points out, choose from. Unit trusts include account for 90 per cent of healthcare Framlington Healthcare, Jupiter industry spending, as opposed to just World Healthcare and City Finan-10 per cent on drugs.

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# A soft touch on the fringe

My biggest mistake

Comic **Arthur Smith**  get talked into putting pletely rule out doing it money into very dodgy again - I'm certainly not money into very dodgy fringe plays, usually when fringe plays, usually when immune to it. Let's just hope I've had drunken actors they don't read The Indeblagging me into it late at

They give you all these figif it does that, you'll make a lot of money.

They're always skint and they badger you so much and prey on the fact that you're supposed to be in favour of the arts.

They just keep on turning the screw until, eventually, you let slip that you could probably afford to put a grand into it. Then they put it on in

some half-assed theatre and up. It gets one bad review in the Big Issue and that's the last you ever see of your

I've done that three or four times now and. I've also been known to ently, this bloke really was about money in all its forms

Y trouble is, I've although I'm not quite such commission starving artists genuinely interested in been a mug for a soft touch as I have been letting myself in the past, I wouldn't comridiculous paintings. pendent, or at least not the

Money pages.
The last time I did it, I ures and say, 'If it sells so knew I was just giving them amany tickets, if it does this, money, basically. I haven't of it that the money finishes been really skint since I was in my late twenties, and I'm 42 now.

Even before An Evening With Gary Lineker came out in 1991, I'd done a fair bit of telly and some fairly lucrative stand-up stuff.

at one point. I've still got a fair few friends who are on it snows, and no one turns some of my bread. Occasionally, I get letters from drama students too, saying 'I'm a drama student, give

me some money'. At moments of weakness,

to do paintings for me. Then they turn up ages later with their masterpieces, looking for the money. I've got a whole roomful of the most

have a known weakness for. up going to someone who wants to buy a Land Rover and drive round Africa on holiday for a month. The benefit doesn't seem to amount to much more than

that, you suddenly notice. The thing is. I have But I was on the breadline absolutely no interest in money at all. I've got an accountant and I've had a the breadline and you can't succession of financial advisreally blame them for want- ers of various types. I went ing to get their hands on to see one of them in his office once and he had pictures of cowboys all over the

> I laughed and laughed and he didn't know what I was laughing at - appar-

cowboys.

Because I'm a bit vague with money myself, I tend to just find someone I can trust and put it all in their hands. I do trust my accountant. I Doing benefit gigs for started with him through charity is another thing I personal recommendation personal recommendation and anyone he suggests, I trust as well. In fact, he recommended the financial

bloke I've got now. What happened was, I go churned by one of my old financial advisers. Obviously, I didn't notice it, but my accountant picked up on it and now I've got a new financial adviser.

It's like Sting's accountant setting up all those bank accounts that Sting knew nothing about.

I don't want to put ideas in his head, but my financial planner could do that with me quite easily if he wanted to - he might have done it aiready, for all I know.

I don't suppose many people are as lackadaisical

as I am but I really haven't got the interest or the inclination. I've got an endowment mortgage and whenever they try to talk to me about it, after about 30 seconds my eyes glaze over and

I'm thinking about some-I've got a certain amount of money in - I think it's PEPs or unit trusts, some-

where like that. I may not remember exactly where it all is but if I rang this bloke, I'm sure he could tell me all about it.

In the end, providing I'm not skint, that's all I'm really concerned about. Providing I've got enough for the next few weeks worth of beer, books and fags. I'm just not that interested in money it's more boring to me even than cars.

Just you wait, now I'll get 20 people banging on my door saying. Oh, I've got this brilliant idea for you...'.

Arthur Smith was talking to

# A cashpoint in the pub?

By Clifford German

Spencer, which are moving into the banking business. If NCR's Jim Adamson has his way the bank's chosen weapon will be a customised cash dispenser which can sell travel and theatre tickets. stamps, and even unit trusts. print and dispense phone cards and vouchers for special offers in supermarkets. as well as accepting deposits and dispensing eash.

Instead of offering a plain choice of cash with a receipt and cash without, the new machines offer a menu of services, which can be summoned at the touch of a button, and could deliver on the tomer's bank account accordingly.

range of services selected by ram-raiders. the owner operators to

passers-by. new generation of busy cusqueue behind a line of nerds checking out all the latest

the secrets of success. Dundee factory and could be installed and operating in January, Banks are expected to be among the principal buyers, as they replace their - a service they could get free existing stock of 22,000 in another place and time.

machines around the country. still more branch banks and will be able to process a there and now. banking transaction at a real

anks are set to bite with the 100p the average back at long last transaction across a bank counter costs. ATM transactions are also cheaper than Sainsbury and Marks & telephone banking transactions, and unlike the other outlets the machines can actively advertise and sell a range of services to a captive

Unlike all previous dispensers, which have been sold exclusively to banks and building societies, NCR will be selling or leasing its new range to anyone who wants one and has the space to install it.

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Its big brother has four times the cash capacity, a It raises the prospect of a deposit slot for cash and cheques, and a wide range of tomers getting stuck in a additional functions can be

incorporated. In the US, where the techoffers, so installing a nology is ahead of the UK. machine with just the right individual entrepreneurs can range of services for the and do buy machines, install locality will clearly be one of them, contract out the supply of a range of services and The new generation of charge the providers and the machines is coming off the consumers a small fee for the production line in NCR's convenience of using the

machine. Evidence shows that although older people still resist the idea of paying for most people under 45 have The dispensers, also no qualms about paying a known as ATMs, will replace small sum for the convenience of getting the service

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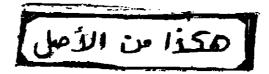
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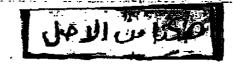
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# Cars without steering wheels?

It's not such a mad idea. By Gavin Green

ars should have five wheels, one of which you hold. This is a fact, just like oranges are orange, apples are round and Gazza is a fruitcake. The only motoring apostate of recent has been Reliant, whose cars mostly have only three wheels in contact with the tarmac. But when you drive a Reliant, you realise that the old adage does hold true. And the more you drive a Reliant, the clearer the message.

A hundred years ago, there were no motoring "rules". Because car makers had nothing to copy, they were forced to innovate and experiment. Some car makers tried tricycles. And others, believe it or not, didn't have steering wheels.

In last weekend's Brighton Run, restricted to cars made before 1905, most of the vehicles that spluttered and farted their way through London and down to the south coast used tillers to steer. I drove one, an 1899 Fiat. We didn't get very far: a distributor problem sidelined us on Brixton Road, barely three miles from the Hyde Park start. But our London to Brixton run proved one thing: tillers are a surprisingly sensible way to steer a car.

Mercedes-Benz, the world's oldest car maker. thinks so too. It has just unveiled a concept car called the F200 which dispenses with a wheel and instead uses an aircraft-style joystick.

On the old Fiat, the tilier is actually one of the easiest controls on the car. On this car, you hold a little handle on the tiller. You turn the handle the way you want the car to go, the tiller revolves and, presto, you change direction. The steering is sharp much sharper than on most modern cars which suffer from appallingly mushy steering response. It's also light, helped by the car's low weight.

The Fiat's other controls aren't so easy. While your left hand works the tiller, the right has to grapple with the hand throttle, the gear lever, the hand operated brake, and levers to control the engine's fuel mixture and the ignition timing. The Fiat's overriding safety feature is that you will never fall asleep behind the tiller: there's so much to do all the time that you never get bored.

One of its novelties is its "total loss" oil system. There is no recirculating oil supply. Instead it is either burnt or discarded. The upshot is that every four miles or so you have to stop, to top up the oil. It is not so much a total loss system as a dead loss system. It also makes for very slippery roads and very dirty exhausts.

The Fiat is also slow. Its little two-cylinder engine vibrating away under your bottom, is good enough for a top speed of about 30mph. In practice, it's not that comfortable also a big versatility benefit. The joystick is in the

over 20. The upshot is that, from London to centre console which means that either the dri-Brighton, a push-bike would be quicker. So, for that- ver or the front seat "passenger" could drive the matter, would a horsedrawn carriage. You sometimes wonder how cars ever caught on. One thing that did catch on was the steering

wheel. It replaced the tiller for a number of reasons, not least that more leverage could be had with a big revolving wheel and a geared steering box than with a simple stick. Nowadays, all cars have steering wheels. Why? They just do. It is an example of the simple unquestioning conformity that has blighted the car industry and made it so conservative. That's why Mercedes' proposal is so refreshing.

Wheels are actually silly ways to steer, given modern electronics. First and most important, they are potentially dangerous. In bad accidents, many people die from head juries incurred by hitting steering wheels. The airbag has partly obviated the problem, but only partly. Much better to do away with the steering wheel altogether.

Mercedes' joystick electronically controls the steering. Push right to turn right, left to turn left - simple. The joystick also replaces conventional pedals. To go faster, push the joystick forward. To brake, pull it back. Deleting conventional brake and throttle pedals is another safety boon. Pedals can cause horrific foot and leg injuries in severe acci-dents. They're also incredibly indirect and chursy

ways of controlling going and stopping.

The joystick also serves up more comfort for the driver. The lack of pedals means that the seating position can be more comfortable, especially for





Top and inset: the Mercedes F200 with aircraft-style joystick. Below: Gavin Green (wit the hat) takes the tiller on the London to Brighton run.

# Bike to the future

Roland Brown previews the Motor Cycle show

There's no doubt about which bikes are the star attractions at this year's Motor Cycle Show, which opens at the National Exhibition Centre in Birmingham today. Triumph's pair of new three-cylinder road-burners, the T595 Daytona and T509 Speed Triple, herald the arrival of a second generation of superbikes from the Leicestershire firm, six years after it brought British motorcycle

the dead. A sleek, 955cc, £9,649 sports machine, the T595 Daytona is set to do battle with the fastest superbikes from Italy and Japan. The T595's 12-valve, dohe engine is a fuel-injected version of the previous Daytona unit, tuned with help from Lotus to produce 128bhp.

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Triumph's other newcomer, the T509 Speed Triple is an unfaired roadster whose twin headlamps give an aggressive look, with an 885cc three-cylinder engine.

Japan's brightest show stars come from Suzuki, whose TL1000S sportster combines a 123hhp V-twin engine with a racy chassis based on a lightweight aluminium frame. The TL features fuel-injection and an innovative rear damping system. The NEC will

provide most showgoers with their first view of Honda's 1997-model CBR11 100XX Super Blackbird. Their six-cylinder F6C roadster is even more outrageous; a gigantic, naked roadster powered by the flat-six engine from the Gold Wing tourer. For those who prefer their superbikes ighter and sportier, the VTR1000 FireStorm rivals Suzuki's TL1000S by wrapping a water-cooled V-twin engine in a stylish

package. Yamaha has only one real newcomer: the XVS650 Drag Star, a long, low Harley-Davidson replica cruiser developed from the popular XV535. Kawasaki is aiming for the budget market with the ER-5, a 500 ∞ twin-cylinder commuter bike that has just gone on sale for £3695. Kawasaki's only other new model is the ZRX1100, an unfaired four-cylinder retro bike whose raised handlebars

and twin rear suspension units recall American superbike racing of the early Eighties. Harley-Davidson has a new model designed to look even more ancient

than all the others. The



Heritage Springer holds its big 1340cc V-twin motor in a chassis featuring retro-style "springer" front forks. For the first time at the NEC there will also be a line of Harley-powered Buell sports bikes. The company founded by former Harley engineer Erik Buell is now partowned by Harley.

Ducati, Europe's most famous builder of V-twins, has been boosted by an injection of money from America, Its main new model is the ST2, a sports-tourer powered by a fuel-injected motor oroducing a fairly modest 83bhp. Other Italian attractions include Moto Guzzi's V10 Centauro roadster and Bimota's radical 500 V Duc, a "clean-burning" two-stroke sportster, plus stylish scooters from Vespa, Italjet and Piaggio.

Aprilia has a new version of its 650 Pegaso trail bike. and the Italian firm will also assemble BMW's F650ST Strada, a



road-oriented version of the popular dual-purpose F650 single. But it is BMW's other new bike, the sporty four-cylinder K1200RS, that will create more comment for its fuel-injected engine's output of 130bhp - making this the first model to breach BMW's

self-imposed 100bhp limit. In his Motor Cycle Show opening speech four years ago, then Transport Minister Kenneth Carlisle criticised Triumph's latest 1200cc sportster for being excessively powerful. However, accident figures did not support him and manufacturers continued to develop more powerful machines, and superbike sales have risen. Now even conservative BMW has decided that if you can't beat them, you might as well join in, too.

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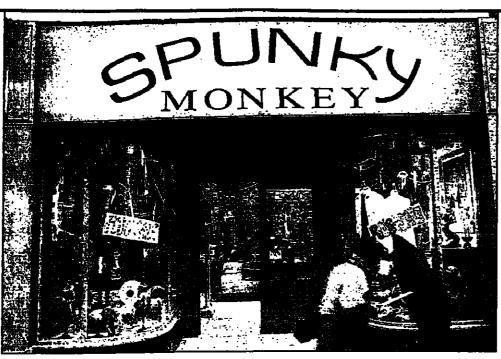
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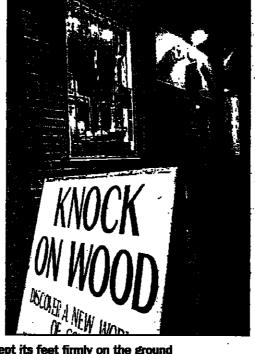
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# Spending time in Yorkshire

Spendthrift goes to Leeds

eeds is without doubt a thriving northern city, well into a period of a core of well-heeled ladies obviously regeneration that's seen the city grow in affluence and stature. A great club scene and flourishing designer market have also earnt it the title of "hippest city in England", and it has recently been "chosen" by Harvey Nicks. But while thumbing its nose at well-worn myths about spending power in the north. Leeds has kept its feet firmly on the ground. A detour through the decidedly unprosperous Calls area, south of Boar Lane, will cause any visitor to do the same.

The city centre boasts one of the largest areas of pedestrianisation in England, and is extremely shopper-friendly. You're never far from a decent café for a bit of a sit down, and car parks are plentiful, though they fill up quickly. There are four staple shopping centres, including the rather down-at-heel Merrion and the improved Headrow centre. To get a taste of the New Leeds though, head for the beautifully restored areades of the Victoria Quarter. The Corn Exchange and Granary Wharf (permanent shops and stalls), which is tucked down behind the station by the Leeds-Liverpool canal and really comes to life at the weekend.

Harvey Nichols, The Victoria Quarter (0113-204 8888)

relieved not to have to trek down to London for their Ferretti or their Jean Muir. The building's definitely stylish, but it feels rather small, especially in the food market on the fourth floor, where most of the actual buying was going on. One lady in particular, who thought it would be "all nice sausages and that", wasn't impressed.
"Might as well go to Tescos," she said.

### Music

Knock on Wood Global Music Supplies Granary Wharf (0113-242 9146) The first permanent shop to open in the

Wharf - in 1988 - is a World Music extravaganza. There are Djembe drums (£150 -£270), a Gambian Balafon at £45, Didjeridus from £135 and lots of smaller wood and wind instruments. Everything in here produces sound, even the token box of Whoopie cushions!

### Jumbo Records, St John's Centre (0113-245 5570)

A good, popular independent and one of the few that could still be called a "record shop". It has a pretty useful vinyl section as well as an excellent jazz CD section. Jumbo has managed to keep its CD prices competitive: chart and new Part "international lifestyle store", part local attraction, this is the icing on Leeds' album is £12.99).

### Specialist Shops

Kirkgate Stamp Co, 30 County Arcade, Victoria Quarter (0113-245 5404) When it started 25 years ago, the business was strictly stamps. Having diversified, it would now rather be known as the Leeds collector's shop. It deals in militaria (Indian dagger circa 1800 at £40), coins,

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### lection, and a medal-mounting service. id Aromatics, 12 New Station Street (0113-242 4983)

One of the first specialist wholesale and retail aromatherapy businesses in the country, stocking over 100 essential oils (camphor, £1.60, to valerian, £9.50 for 10ml), as well as exotic and perfume oils, and their own blends (Zodiac at £2.50). They often stock unusual and "limited edition" oils too. Qualified aromatherapist Carolyn Swain is on hand to offer free advice and a mixing service to order, for a tiny charge of 35p.

### The Condom Shop, Com Exchange (0113-244 6532)

It's a sad fact that Brits have a hard time with rubbers. It seems quite appropriate that for a nation of titterers, a condomcome-joke shop should provide a safe space for buying. As well as the usual brands you'll find Glow in the Dark Tick-

olutionary new condom at £4.99 for six. Alongside these are plenty of rudy games like "Bonk", phallic candles (£4.99) and

Craft Centre and Design Gallery, City Art Gallery, The Headrow (0113-247 8241) Selected by the Crafts Council, the Gallery has been going for 15 years and specialises in displays of contemporary jewellery by British designers, currently showing designs in silver, white metal and bronze. The atmosphere is un-fussy, and the works are not just exhibition pieces. Prices range from £10 all the way up to £5,500.

### Food and Drink The Tripe Shop, Leeds City Market (0113-244 0436)

The sale of tripe is still going strong, and one of those pig or cat obsessions. here you'll get other food stuffs that can't be found at Tesco, or any branch of Harvey Nicks for that matter. Tripe is only 26p a quarter, and maws, or mouth parts, are 28p. Other delicacies are chitterlings (pig intestines) and elder (udders).

### Beer Paradise, Granary Wharf (0113-242 9572)

A shop for adventurous beer drinkers stocking over 700 varieties from around the world, including Russian and lers (£2.25 for one), and Topaz, the rev- Indonesian. There are about 350 Belgian alternatives.

beers, like Duval, hailed as the "best beer in the world" (£1.49). They also sell Whiskey Beer and Tea Beer. Green Beer, which is completely natural, is brewed to a 17th-century recipe, and contains Bearly 20 herbs and spices (also £1.45). Visit Paradise and find yourself in apps heaven.

# Gifts and Accessories

Spunky Monkey, 97 Briggate (0113-244 0701) After the promise of the name and bright green exterior, the substance of Spunky Monkey is essentially run of the mill miscellany: candles, mobiles, incense etc. Oh and wood, lots of wood. It's a menagerie of carved animals, from the tiniest mouse to a pair of life-sized Alsatians. A place to visit if you need a gift for a friend with

Leeds is blessed with branches of all the main high-street retailers (C&A, Bhs, Debenhams, Next). Designer frenzy is reflected in the high proportion of exclusive boutiques (Aspects, Olivers), most of which are in the Victoria Quarter. You don't have to look far to find Karen Millen, Paul Smith or Ted Baker. However, there are some whorthwhile

### Exit, The Corn Exchange

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Jenny McClean on how Christmas cards are vital money raisers

he Royal Mail and Christmas recovery, not the political situation." card manufacturers predict that we will be sending more seasonal greetings this year than ever before. And an ever larger proportion of them will be charity cards. But how much of the average £2.50 to £5 for a packet of 10 goes to the charities?

THEIR WELLHEND

The Charity Christmas Card Council, known as 4C, is reputedly the largest and oldest umbrella charity card sales organisation in Britain. Set up in 1970, it now has a membership of more than 100 registered charities as diverse as the Worldwide Fund for Nature and the National Asthma Campaign. Non-profit retaining, 4C returns 17 to 45 per cent of the VATexclusive retail price to members.

Costs are kept down by free seasonal loans of vacant premises staffed by volunteers, says 4C spokesman Neville Bass. "But now the retail market is booming, these temporarily vacant sites are much harder to find. We have had to pull out altogether in Belfast - because of the economic

When it comes to Christmas cards. tradition wins hands down. Mr Bass has noticed no significant change in

content or design over the years. "But shoppers are becoming more discerning and want quality materials. Christmas cards are no longer price sensitive as they were during the recession. And we send feedback to our members: a lot of research is going into what customers want."

There are signs, too, of the caring Nineties. "Over the past decade." says Mr Bass, "companies have been making a point of sending cards that are more ethically oriented and which have a more international flavour. They see it as an investment."

Altruism or a shrewd business move, the main thing is that charities are benefiting. Susan Burton, who administers card sales for The National Autistic Society through 4C and Cards for Good Causes with a return of 35 to 55 per cent, reports a strong rise in corporate business and

generously points out that some com- charity cards. Boots the Chemists, 40 panies have always been charity-conscious. "Christmas cards are extremely important to us - they not only make money but generate publicity." Something that is hard to put a price on.

Charities benefit considerably more if we buy direct from them or a nonprofit retaining agent rather than from high-street retailers who slap on an average 100 per cent mark-up. But Claire Jarvis, speaking for Oxfam, pointed out that most charities are pragmatic about this commercialism.
"It's not realistic to expect retailers to sell at no profit. We may only get 10p in the pound but it's 10p we would not otherwise have got. And having other outlets increases public awareness."

By comparison, of each pound spent on cards from one of Oxfam's own shops 17.5p goes in VAT, 30p in production costs and 55p to the charity's funds. Last year Oxfam Trading sold £4.75m worth of cards with a gross profit of £2.25m.

per cent of whose range carries a charity contribution, are supporting the RNIB this year, though still only 10p in the pound goes to the charity. However, cards can raise funds a second time around through the recycling bins available in 1,300 of the company's stores during January and February. Money raised from recycled cards will go towards planting community forests.

The card industry is an important money-spinner and provides jobs, too, but if you really want to control where your money goes, revamp last year's used stock with some stiff card and glue or spend a creative afternoon with your children designing your own, then send the money saved direct to your favourite good cause. Blue Peter would be proud of you.

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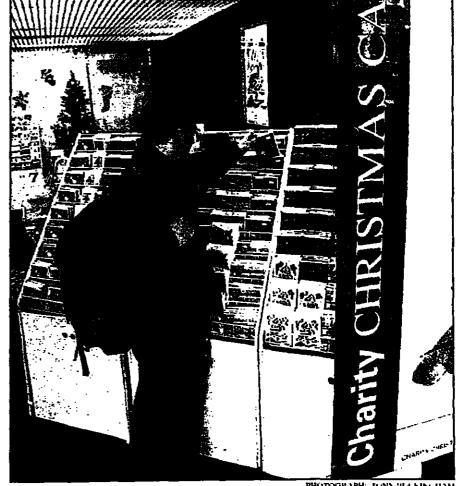
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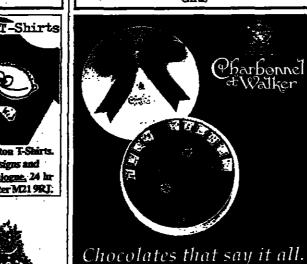
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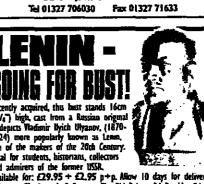
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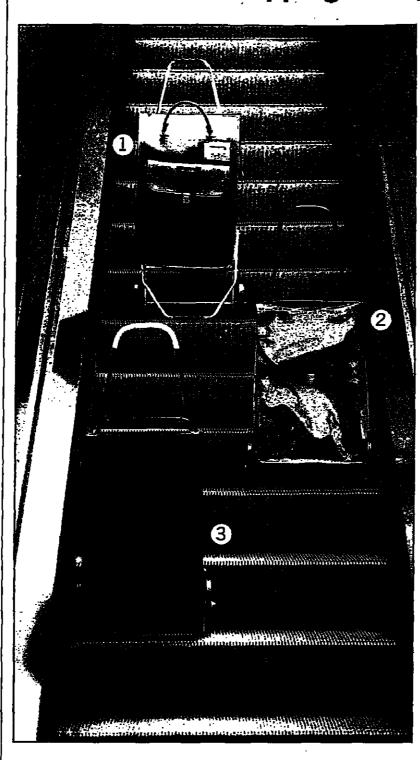
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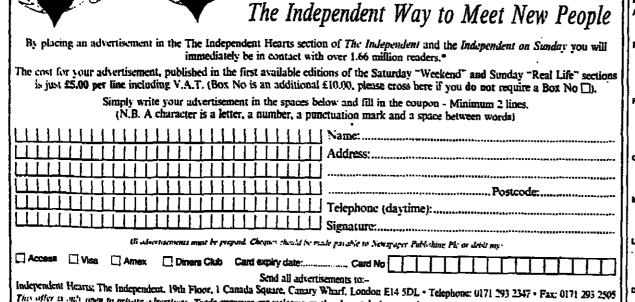
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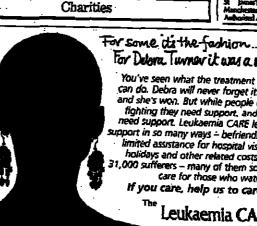


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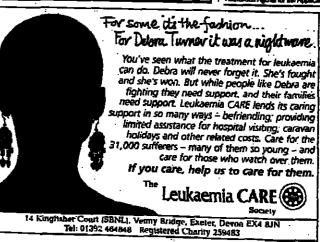
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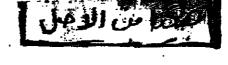
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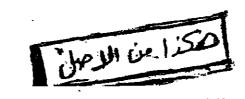
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7.45 The Flying Doctors (R) (S) (1747671). \*
8.30 Breakfast with Frost. Foreign Secretary Malcolm Riflond has a stab at setting the day's news agenda (89584).

9.30 Living to the End. The hospice movement (44519). 10.00 See Hear! (S) (95120).

10.30 Remembrance Sunday - The Cenotaph. Tom

10.30 Kemembrance Sunday – The Cenotaph. Tom Fleming describes the scene as the great and the good lay their wreaths (Subsequent programmes may change) (S) (8993949). \*

11.55 The Gift of Memory. Meditation for Remembrance Sunday read by Prunella Scales (S) (1838923). \*

12.00 CountryFile (S) (14836).

12.30 On the Record, With Education Secretary Gillian "six of the best" Shephard (42107). \*
1.00 The E Files (57126). \*

1.30 EastEnders Omnibus (S) (5372126). \*
2.55 Columbo. Roddy McDowall is the guest suspect
(R) (5156229). \* 4.05 The Bookwarm. Roddy Dayle, SAS books and the strange case of Richard Hillary, the Battle of Britain hero whose book, Last Enemy, changed the course of World War II (S) (5974942).

4.35 The Clothes Show. Female traffic wardens get a makeover, and make-up artist Ruby Hammer reveals her secret beauty tips (S) (1054039). \* 5.00 The Prince and the Pauper. 1/6. See Preview,

p30 (S) (4381). \* 5.30 News, Weather (712565). \* 5.50 Regional News (914497).

5.55 Songs of Praise. Remembrance Sunday service from the Abbey at Sherborne (S) (919768). \*
6.35 Antiques Roadshow. Valuations from the Isle of Skye (S) (763836). \*

7.20 The Royal Variety Performance. Charlie boy is in attendance, being entertained in a good cause by Tom Jones, Lionel Richie, Stave Coogan, Jackie Mason and Darcay Bussell (S) (16286652). \*
9.55 News, Weather (812126). \*

10.10 Clive Anderson Ali Talk. Goldie Hawn and Bob Hoskins. It's good to talk (S) (534297). 10.45 Everyman. Cameras follow the selection procedure for a new vicar in a multi-racial north London parish (\$) (915590). \*

11.35 Accused. Dramatised magistrates' court (S) (538855), \* 12.05 The Sky at Night. Mars (S) (8035850). 12.25 My Name is Bill W (Daniel Petrie 1989

US). Good cast - not a bad movie, reliving the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous. James Woods is the self-destructive drunk, whose brush with an alcoholic doctor, James Gamer, leads to the organisation's creation (5566411). \* 1.55 Weather (1394817). To 2.00am.

# Sunday television and radio

### BBC2

7.30 Children's BBC: Joe 90. 7.55 Playdays. 8.15 Bitsa. 8.30 Jackanory Gold. 8.50 The Littlest Pet Shop. 9.15 The Itsy Bitsy Spider. 9.35 The Mask. 10.00 Ship to Shore. 10.30 Grange Hill. 10.55 The Demon Headmaster. 11.20 As Seen on TV. 11.45 Shooting Stars. Shown on Friday (S) (363942). \* 12.15 The Sunday Show. Donna McPhail hosts the

Sunday brunch beano (S) (2897652). The O Zone. Mark Owen, formerly of Take That, talks exclusively (S) (55768).
 Regional Programmes (S) (32720).
 O Nova: T Rex Exposed. Documenting the un-

earthing in Montana of the first nearly complete Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton (5828478). 2.50 Snooker World Cup Final. Coverage from

Bangkok (S) (82390316).

4.45 Rugby Special, Highlights of yesterday's game from Murrayfield between Scotland and Australia. Plus, London Irish v Wasps (S) (100720).

5.45 The Natural World: The World in a Wood. The yearly cycle of the world's most closely studied piece of woodland, Wytham Wood, on the utskirts of Oxford, and what these studies tell us

about the likely effects of global warming on the British countryside (S) (478836). \* 6.35 Star Trek: Voyager (S) (761478). \* 7.20 American Visions: The Promised Land. See Preview, p30 (S) (929565). \*

8.10 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. La-La trills her way around some of the prisoner-of-war camps that have littered Britain since the Napoleonic Wars (498749). \*

8.20 The Money Programme. Supermarkets and their effect on small traders (S) (982855). \* 9.00 Where's Elvis This Week? (S) (8942). \*
9.30 The Cenotaph Highlights. Tom Fleming relives the annual wreath-laying ceremony (S) (71749). \*
10.30 The Crow Road. 1/4. Second-sitting lain Banks

adaptation (R) (71519). 11.30 Snooker World Cup Final. Highlights from Bangkok of this afternoon's encounter (23465).

12.30 The Knack and How to Get it (Richard Lester 1965 UK). The authentic flavour of the Swinging Sixties – as Lester brings his distinctive directorial style (Godard meets The Monkees) to bear on a story about an innocent schoolteacher (Michael Crawford) being taught how to pick up birds by hipster Ray Brooks. The arrival of wide-eyed Northern lass Rita Tushingham offers ample opportunity to try out his newly learnt seduction skills (Followed by Weatherview) (23492). \* 2.00 The Learning Zone: Nice Work (83362). 4.00

Languages: Sueños - World Spanish (S) (83546). 5.00 The Small Business Programme/20 Steps to Better Management (15701). To 6.00am.

## ITV/London

6.00 GMTV 6.00 The Sunday Review. 6.30 News, Sport and Weather. 7.00 The Sunday Programme

8.00 Dragon Flyz. Animation (9409774). 8.25 Disney Club (S) (14388861).

10.15 Link (S) (1199861). \* 10.15 Link (S) (1199861). \*
10.30 Sunday Live (S) (2223045).
10.55 Morning Worship. An Ecumenical Remembrance Service from St Many's Parish Church, West Kingston, Wiltshire. Including a two-manute silence at 11am (S) (9231855). \*
12.00 Sunday Live. Continued (S) (59872).
12.30 Sunday Live. Continued (S) (59872).

12.30 Crosstalk (Followed by LWT Weather) (33403). 1.00 News and Weather (86720590). a 1.10 Jonathan Dimbleby. Talks to lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, and his Labour shadow,

Margaret Beckett (S) (1531126). 2.00 Cartoon Time (64344045).

2.15 War and Remembrance. Nothing to do with Remembrance Sunday, but the epic wartime soap follow-up to Winds of War (R) (362887).

4.15 Sign Gregory's Girl (Bill Forsyth 1981 UK). Terrific early Forsythian saga, with John Gordon Sinclair as the gangly and painfully shy goalkeeper who develops a crush on the beautiful new girl on the develops. the team, Dee Hepburn. Clare Grogan, Chic Murray and Alex Norton co-star (92931652). 5.00 Dining Out. New series about the revolution in

eating out since the 1960s (S) (403). 6.30 London Tonight (332519). \* 6.45 News and Weather (242942). \* 7.00 One in a Million. A Texan who joined his own funeral wake, and an incredible bullet-proof earning. Philip Schofield is responsible (SJ (9213).

Heartbeat. Nick investigates a violent incident on the golf course (S) (85039). \*

9.00 You've Been Framed! (S) (4768). \*
9.00 London's Burning (S) (5799). \*
10.00 Sametime, Never. Zzätcom (S) (98701). \*
10.30 News and Weather (Followed by LWT Weather) (656045). \* 10.45 The South Bank Show. Painter Howard Hodgkin

profiled. See Preview, p30 (S) (497768). \* 11.45 Theatreland. Report on the new production of Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf starring David Suchet and Diana Rigg (S) (419720). 12.15 Miami Vice (465072)

1.15 Coach (R) (S) (20140). 1.45 Cool Vibes (S) (2887614). 1.55 Teen drama about a young female garage mechanic. Starring Betsy Russell (294275). 3.35 Not Fade Away (R) (S) (2060275).

4.35 Flux (R) (S) (8021430). 5.30 News (31968), To 6.00am

# Channel 4

6.20 Blitz! 6.20 Blitz! 7.15 Ric. 7.45 Biker Mice from Mars. 8.10 Earthworm Jim. 8.35 Street Sharks.

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9.20 Saved by the Bell (R) (1632316). \* 9.45 Sister Sister (S) (441774).

10.15 Wise Up (S) (360855). 10.45 Hollycaks Omnibus. One definition of helf (S) (5816923). \*

11.40 The Waltons (R) (2116942). "
12.40 Rookies. Youth sports magazine (7270294).
1.15 EXEM Air Force (Howard Hawks 1943 US). World War II drama, focusing on the crew of an army plane which sets a dangerous course for the Pacific. Starring John Garfield, Arthur Kennedy

and Harry Carey (51 1089-42). 4
3.30 EREC Confidential Agent (Howard Shumlin 1945
US). Brutal yet pedestnan Hollywood version of
the Graham Greene story about an ageing Spanish Civil War veteran (Charles Boyer) who goes to Britain to prevent a Fascist business deal and who then gets gnef from an unsavoury cast of villains led by Peter Lorre, A self-conscious-looking Laurer Bacall co-stars (Followed by News Summary and Weather) (80266749). \*

5.45 ME Westhound (Budd Boetticher 1959 US). Union soldier Randolph Scott is sent to a Confederate-sympathising town to protect a gold shipment. Virginia Mayo supports (9890861).
7.00 Equinos: What's in a Number? See Preview, p30

8.00 Nothing But the Truth. Debates the right of Prince Charles to earn a banning injunction against his former housekeeper's revelations about life at lighgrove, The Housekeeper's Diary (4045). 9.00 Leaving Home. Sir Simon Rattle concludes his tour of 20th-century orchestral music by looking

for future trends amongst contemporary composers. Turnage, Knussen and Birtwistle are amongst those featured (S) (1381). \*

10.00 ENET Night Shift (Ron Howard 1982 US). See The Big Picture, p.30 (S) (2890). \*

12.00 Chain of Hope. Toni Strasburg's follow-up to Chain of Hope. Toni Strasburg's follow-up to Chain of Faste, big 1989 film looking at the offact.

Chain of Tears, his 1988 film looking at the effects of warfare on children in southern Africa (91121). 1.00 FRM in Custody (Ismail Merchant 1993 ind). Shashi Kapoor plays a teacher who is overloyed. then disillusioned, when he is sent to interview an Urdu poet whom he idolises (63432324). \*

3.20 The Lone Wolf Takes a Chance (Sidney Salkow 1941 US), Warren William plays the serial jewel thief hero (9596492). To 4.35am.

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Radio 3 7.00am Sacred and Profane. 8.50 Choice of Three. 9.00 Brian Kay's Sunday Morning. 12.15 Music Matters. Is there any such thing as good taste in mu-sic? And does it matter?

1.00 Great French Dishes, Choucroute. Not to be confused with the German version, sauerkraut. 1.25 The Sunday Concert. 2.45 Spirit of the Age. (1/2). 3.45 Brendel's Beethoven, Introduced by pianist Alfred Brendel with Misha Donat.



East correspondent, Robert Fisk (left), offers a personal view of Islam, and how such a demanding religion copes with the modern age, in Between Two Worlds (5.45pm R3) - part of Radio 3's Arabic Season.

laclean 9.05 Steve 5.45 The Sunday Feature: Be-tween Two Worlds. A personal Fisk of the Independent, See Choice, above. 6.30 Nobuko Imal and Roland

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turns to the former colony of Bushiya to discover more about the death of a prominent political activist who was once his

Jenkins. (2/2). 12.00 Record Review

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9.30 The Archers. Omnibus edi-

boyhood friend. 11\_30 Jean Jenkins: A Musical Legacy, Janet Topp Pargion ex-plores the field recordings of leg-endary ethnomusicologist Jean

1.15 Through the Night. With Donald Macleod.

r Radio 4 192.4-94.6MTz FN; 19896z LWY 6.00am News Briefing. 6.10 Something Understood. 6.55 Weather. 7.10 Sunday Papers.

7.15 The Living World.
7.40 Sunday.
8.50 The Week's Good Cause. 9.10 Sunday Papers. 9.15 Letter from America.

10.30 Ceremony of Remembrance from the Cenotaph. Eric Robson describes the scene as Her Majesty the Queen leads the tra-ditional wreath-laying ceremony at the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

11.45 Mediumwave. 12.15 Desert Island Discs, With writer, traveller and philosopher Sir Laurens van der Post. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 The World This Weekend. 1.55 Shipping Forecast. 2.00 Gardeners' Question Time.

Love. By D H Lawrence. (3/4). 3.30 Pick of the Week. 4.15 Analysis.
5.00 News; Gosling en Espana.
5.30 Poetry Please! 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 6.00 Six O'Clock News.

2.30 Classic Serial: Women in

6.15 Feedback 7.00 Children's BBC Radio 4: Into the Dark. By Nicholas Wilde. 8.00 (FM) The Natural History Pro-

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womb? Don Fowler examines the history of the rhetoric used against women reading. 9.00 (FM) The Board Game. 9.00 (LW) Suenos - Spanish 2. 9.15 (LW) Italianissimo. 9.30 (FM) Costing the Earth. 9.45 (LW) Chansons.

9.59 Weather. 10.15 All in the Mind. 10.45 Breakaway. 11.15 in Committee. 11.45 Seeds of Faith.

12.00 News.
12.20 Bells on Sunday.
12.30 The Late Story: On the
Death of Ken Saro-Wiwa. By
Ken Saro-Wiwa. 12.48 Shipping Forecast. 1.00-6.00am As World Service.

### Radio 5

(83,999th W) 6.00am Brief Lives 6.30 Brian Hayes 9.05 Sunday with Mair 11.35 Special Assignment 12.05 The Big Byte 12.30 Crime Desk 12.55 Sunday 12.30 Crime Desk 12.55 Sunday
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# **Satellite**

6.00am Hour of Power (69584), 7.00 Undun (90855). 9.00 Geraldo

(85010), 10.00 Young Indiana Jones (75590), 11.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose (62300), 11.30 Real TV (82229), 12.00 WWF (70958), 1.00 Star Tiek (83478), 2.00 Mysterious Island (54565), 3.00 Boys of Twilight (86045), 4.00 Great Escapes (9774). 4.30 Real TV (5958). 5.00 Kung Fu (2132), 6.00 The Simpsons (3923). Re-Opened (19861). 9.00 The Tom-myknockers (16720). 11.00 Man-

hunter (83519), 12,00 60 Minutes

(51527), 1.00 Civil Wars (87527), 2.00-6.00am Hit Mix (15898).

SKY MOVIES 6.00am Two for the Road (1967) (58126). 8.00 All Hands on Deck (1961) (41045). 10.00 Caught in the Crossfire (1994) (99039). 12.00 Give My Regards to Broad Street (1984) (68768). 2.00 Dad, the Angel and Me (1995) (942403). 3.40 Death on the Nile (1978) (22135720). 6.00 Little Nile (1978) (21135720). 6.00 Little Glarts (1994) (30300). 8.00 Street Flighter (1994) (15045). 10.00 Philadelphia (1993) (12221403). 12.05 The Movie Show (8985879). 12.35 Dangerous Game (1993) (871527), 2.25 Some Kind of Miracle

(1979) (5599879), 3.55-6.00am Loot (1970) (75-1-12879). MOVIE CHANNEL 5.00am Brigham Young (1940) (55768), 8.00 Four lifts in a Jeep (1944) (49687), 10.00 Family Prayers (1991) (80381), 12.00 The Battle of

the Villa Fiorita (1965) (59010), 2.00 My Brother's Keeper (1994) (25478), 4.00 The Next Karate Kid (1994) 4.00 The Next Karate Kid (1994) (9478), 6.00 Sherlock: Undercover Dog (1994) (38942), 8.00 As Good as Dead (1995) (13687), 10.00 Interview with the Vampire (1994) (12229045), 12.05 Awake to Danger (1995) (383445), 1.40 Night Eyes (1990) (199256), 3.15 You Talkin' to Me? (1987) (738275). 4.50-6.00am Undercover Dog (1994) (56242053).

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e Man (1933) (49032403). 12.15 O Henry's Full House (1952) (4223855). 2.15 The Seven Year Mich (1955) (7378039) 589a Year Inch (1955) (7376039). 4.00 Bus Stop (1956) (62488774). 5.35 Let's Make Love (1950) (20609107). 7.35 Marilyn: The Untold Story (1980) (93435861). 10.00 tool Stry (1980) (93439501). Tool Performance (1970) (2615887). 11.55 The Rachal Papers (1989) (4502590). 1.30 Spenser: For Hire (1985) (2753169). 3.10-4.50am They Live by Night (1949) (1733188).

SICY SPORTS 7.00am ice Hockey (378328). 9.30 Trans World Sport (88749). 10.30 Drag Racing (44126). 11.00 Football (35942). 12.00 Squash (75584). 1.00 Trans World Sport (57132) 2.00 Rugby Update (61294). 4.00 Firtbol Mundial (5590). 4.30 International Football (67805). 5.30 Squash (75958). 6.30 Basketball (915707).

9.00 NFL: San Francisco 49ers vs Dai las Cowboys - Live (978316). 12.00-2 30am Basketball (771459) SKY SPORTS 2

(9169768), **5.00** Watersports (2315768), **6.00** Spanish Football (9758403), **8.30** Football Review (9673768). 11.00 Olympics: The Road to Glory (6340-197). 12.00-1.00am Superbikes 1995 (8720898).

SICY SPORTS 3 7.00am Football Extra (38121294).

11.00 Watersports (70167823), 12.00 Football (73692316), 3.00 ke Hockey (55214749), 5.00 Sports Un-limited (36344213), 6.00 High Five (10915316) 6.30 Asian Got (86511497), 7,30 Squash (42589478), 8,30 Golf (1807-1710). 11.00 Drag Racing (50385720), 11.30 Speed and Beauty (99863294). 12.00 Speat in Beauty (19903259-). 12.00 Squash (99303169). 1.30 Speed and Beauty (55293256). 2.00-3.00am Watersports (45289689).

6.00am Revelations 6.30 Looking for Love 7.00 Spanish Archer 7.30 Mind and Body 8.00 Why Files 8.30 Video Box 9.00 Fate and Fortune 9.30 Fashion 10.00 Revelations 10.30 Looking for Love 11.00 Campus Capers 11.30 Spanish Archer 12.00 Revelations 12.30 Why Files 1.00 Looking for Love 1.30 Fate and For tune 2.00 Fashion 2.30 Mind and Body 3.00 Canary Wharf 4.30 Campus Capers 5.00 Revelations 5.30 Looking for Love 6.00 Errc's Sport 7.00 Spanish Archer 7.30 Revelations 8.00 Bushido 9.03 Seventics Pap 9.30 Looking for Love 10.03 Enc's Monster Sport Show 11.03 Fate and Fortune 11.30 The Sex Show 12.00-6.90mm Night-Time Programmes

went on for too long:  $2 \, \circ \,$  (the

fourth suit) by North, 2NT by South.

3 ← (forcing) from North, and 3NT

from South. North still would not

give up and jumped to 5 9 ! In the

West led a trump against 60%, and

hope of shutting his partner up.

there you have your problem. To

rely on a 3-3 break in spades is a

little naive, and it doesn't work

either if you cash your top two

spades and ruff a spade. You are

over-ruffed and after, say, a club

try the effect of a low spade from

dummy at trick two. You win any

minor suit return in hand, cross to

ruff a low spade in hand. Now you

you still have OK on the table as an

entry to the now established spades.

This all leads to five trump tricks.

four spades, two diamonds and a

club. Total - 12 tricks. Bingo!

can draw the last two trumps and

dummy's second high trump and

switch, you will end up a trick short.

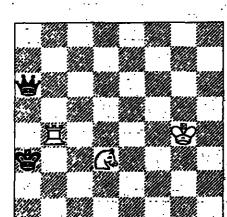
It does not look a likely start, but

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 $_{v}^{f}$ 

South tried 6 ♥ and all passed.

# Chess William Hartston | You may have missed...



As I sipped my cocoa in the Greasy Pawn cafe the other night, I spotted an old man alone in the corner fiddling with a few chessmen. "Mind if I join you?" I asked.

Without looking up, he said, in a strongly central European accent, "Bleck moofs," Vite moofs. Bleck moofs, Vite mates." "Ah!" I said. "A helpmate in two." Then, rather smugly, I must admit, I made two moves on each side to leave Black

checkmated. "Pretty," I said dismissively. "No," he said, resetting the men. "Is wrong position. Is black rook, not queen." And he replaced the queen on a6 by a rook. I looked again, slightly irritated, but soon found the two moves leading to checkmate. Again he reset the men, this time with a black knight on a6. I solved that too, but a similar thing happened twice more, with black bishop and black pawn on 36,

When I solved the last one, the old man quietly buttoned his coat and walked out of the café without a word. Only then did I realise that the swine had drunk my cocoa. Answers: a) 1.Qf6 Nc5 2.Qb2 Ra4; b) 1.Rb6 Rb1 2.Rb3 Ra1; c) 1.Nc5 Nc1 2.Na4 Rb3; d) 1.Bc4 Nel 2.Ba2 Nc2; e) 1.a5 Rb3+ 2 Ka4 Nc5 (composed by G Forsberg).

... unsafe cybersex and other E-male tales from the week's news.

Sibling rivalry A Chinese 15-year-old was reported in the Yangcheng Evening News to have confessed to the murder of his 14-year-old brother and 11-year-old sister. The boy helieved that his parents were too poor to afford to educate all their children. "If my parents only have to

send one child to school, I'll

be able to attend university,

he was quoted as saying.

A woman in Little Rock. Arkansas, called police to complain that her husband had attacked her after she had erased an Internet communications program from his computer. She had messages to a virtual lover

Great shoe robbery

a truck had their shoes

stolen by four armed men.

discovered that he was using it to send sexually explicit

In Nicaragua, 25 peasants in

The truck tyres were also shot out, forcing the victims to go barefoot for help.

Imprudence A case opened in the High Court concerning a 15-yearold boy who had bought a scratch card for his mother, who subsequently collected the £10,000 prize. Camelot

brought the case to decide

whether the sale was lawful.

The judge admitted he did

looked like. The mother's

name was Prudence.

not know what a scratch card

Privatised privies The city of Fuyang in China has auctioned management contracts for 18 public toilets in a bid to boost lavatorial standards. Dramatic improvements have already

an official report said. Islamic lenience An Iranian man had four fingers cut off after 12

convictions for theft.

been reported. "People

wanting to spend a penny

in China have been given

the chance of a lifetime,

### concise crossword

No.3140 Saturday 9 November

**ACROSS** Perfume (5) Swiss cheese (8) Languid mode of speech (5) 10 Paraffin-oil (8)

phone records (5) 14 Filthy place (3) 16 Curb (6) 17 Arouse (6) 18 Limb (3)

20 Amused expression (5) 24 Mackintosh (8) 25 Plunder (5) 26 Former sweetheart (3.5) 27 E African country (5)

11 Material used in gramo-

### DOWN

Apt to let in water (5) Sting (5) Grind the teeth (5) Seabird (6) Woollen jacket (8)

> 13 Worship of false gods 14 Body of salt water (3) 15 Sweet potato (3) 19 Genuinely (6)

Just-married (5-3)

12 Yellow flower (8)

21 Cutting implement (5) 22 Adult female (5) 23 Aquatic mammal (5)

Solution to yesterday's Concise Crossword: ACROSS: 1 Harvard, 5 Sheer (Hertfordshire), 8 Trend, 9 Curious, 10 Hilarious, 12 Err, 13 Annual, 14 Escape, 17 Rio, 18 Milliners, 20 Conquer, 21 Expel, 23 Terse, 24 Tidings,
DOWN: 1 Hutch, 2 Rue, 3 Andorra, 4 Doctor, 5 Saris, 6 Exonerate, 7 Reserve, 11 Landowner, 13 Apricot, 15 Stipend, 16 Claret, 18 Mouse, 19 Silks, 22 Pen.

# **Bridge** Alan Hiron

Love all; dealer South North **◆**AK7542 QΑQ ♦K73 **4**94 West East **♦**Q 1093 **◆**J8 ♥10984 **©J986** ♦Q 10 4 **♦**Q852 **♣**KJ10 South ♥KJ752

This is the type of problem hand that probably comes along more

often than you think and yet the solution is usually missed at the table. I suppose it is the old story: matters are always easier if you have been told that there is a good play. South opened 1 ♥, North quietly tries 1 \(\Phi\), and South rebid 2\(\Phi\). It all

> 26 October competition answers Perplexity:

torment). Literacy: Can possible ways is: 1+2+3+4+5+6+7+(8x9)=100

# 3.00pm Galf (2497316), 3.30 Galf

♦A52 **♣**A763

**Perplexity** 

Mixed doubles:

Each rat usage wiped pin hoops.

That sentence conceals three related one-word answers. To find them, all you have to do is regroup the six words into three pairs, then rearrange the letters within each

A Larousse Desk Reference Encyclopedia will be awarded to the first correct answer opened on 14

Entries to: Perplexity, the Independent, I Canada Square. Canary Wharf, London E14 5DL.

Rainclouds (land curios), showers (her sows), thunderstorm (Hurd's Numeracy: The simplest of many

Winner: Rose Dacre (York)

### The big picture **Night Shift**

Sun 10pm C4

Actor-turned-director, Ron Howard, intended his second film at the helm as a vehicle for his Happy Days costar Henry "The Fonz" Winkler (above). What he got was a seedbed for hot new talents such as Shelley Long, Kevin Costner and most importantly - Michael Keaton. Night Shift is darker and funnier than Howard's later entertainments (think Splash; think Far and Away). with Winkler and Keaton playing morgue attendants who run a

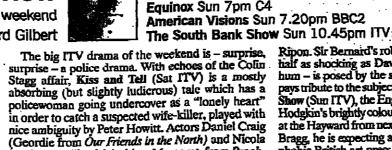
prostitution ring on the side.

### **Television preview** Recommended viewing this weekend

by Gerard Gilbert

here's more to royalty than velvetry and fine rags, as Fergie would have put it in this week's edition of Hello! had she been acquainted with Mark Twain's children's classic The Prince and the Pauper (Sun BBC1).

Twain's book, which imagines what might have happened had the Tudor princeling, Edward, become mistaken for his spitting image, a cockney commoner (and vice versa), is the latest children's classic to be adapted for the Sunday tea-time slot. It comes from the same team who made Little Lord Fauntleroy, and, as in that nicely-judged drama, the juvenile lead is cute without being cloying. And just because it's a children's drama, it doesn't mean that the sets are made of cardboard and the expenses have been spared on the costumes - which is just as well when you realise the potential for overseas sales. Little Lord Fauntleroy went on to win an Emmy in America, and the BBC will hoping for something similar here. Keith Michell, by the way, reprises his most famous role and, if anything, his Henry VIII has got more life-



The Road from Jarrow Sat 8.10pm BBC2

Prince and the Pauper Sun 5pm BBC1

Kiss and Tell Sat 9pm ITV

spirit of Prime Suspect hovers nearby. Talking of Our Friends in the North, the drama's writer, Peter Flannery, is one of those taking part in The Road from Jarrow (Sat BBC2), a personal odyssey through the last 60 years of British history by Mrs Thatcher's former press minder, Sir Bernard Ingham. The agenda is broadly Thatcherite, and, if you can swallow that, this is an ingeniously structured history lesson. It follows the marchers' steps from Jarrow to London, and takes in the Church of England's role in politics, unemployment, Methodism, social mobilty and the transport revolution before they have even reached the answer to everything - so there.

side) are among the forces of law and order, and the

Ripon. Sir Bernard's robust Yorkshire vernacular isn't half as shocking as David Hockney's. Hockney - hohum - is posed by the side of a swimming pool as he pays tribute to the subject of this week's The South Bails. Show (Sun ITV), the English painter Howard Hodgkin. Hodgkin's brightly coloured abstractions will be parked. at the Hayward from next month, but, as he tells Melvyn Bragg, he is expecting a rotten press from the colour-

Stephenson (lipstick lesbian, Margaret, from Brookphobic British art press. He would have got an even lousier reception from the Pilgrim Pathers, as Robert Hughes explains in his continuing series, American Visions (Sun BBC2). This week, Hughes reaches back to the "radical bareness" of the 17th-century protestant colonisers, who, if they had not been such a God-fearing lot, might have embraced the aesthetic beauty of pure mathematics. This week's Equinox (Sun C4) does the job instead, taking us through pi (as in 3.141 etc; a pair of Russian emigrés in New York has worked it out to eight billion decimal places - and they look like they have), fractals and string theory. String theory? It's probably:



The big match

Georgia v England Sat: I 1am Sky Sports 1 Highlights BBC1 10.50cm

Should he be playing? Should he be alaywhere neer an England stirt: "Saint Glen" Hoddle obviously thinks Paul Gascoigne (above) is reformable – and, anyhow, this is a World Cup qualifier. Note: the unusual start times:



# Saturday television and radio

### BBC 1

7.05 The Pink Panther Show (R) (2481354).

7.25 News, Weather (2631644).
7.30 Children's BBC: The Morph Files. 7.40 Speed Racer. 8.05 The Real Adventures of Jonny Quest. 8.30 The New Adventures of Superman (3099422). \* 9.15 Live and Kicking (S) (900118).

11.15 The Lord Mayor's Show. Barry Davies describes the scene as this anachronistic piece of street theatre hits the City of London once again (Subsequent programmes may change) (514880). 12.12 Weather (4269373). 12.15 Grandstand:12.20 Football Focus. 1.00 News.

1.10 Racing from Chepstow: the 1.15 Osmington Mills Holiday and Permit Trainers Association Handicap Chase. 1.25 Snooker: The second semifinal from the World Cup in Bangkok. 1.40 Racing from Chepstow: the 1.45 Tote Silver Trophy. 1.55 Snooker. 2.10 Racing from Chepstow: the 2.15 Rising Stars Novice Chase. 2.25 Snooker. 2.40 Rugby Union: Scotland v Australia. Live coverage from Murrayfield (kick-off 3.00). 4.40 Final Score (S) (38099<sup>°</sup>151).

5.20 News, Weather (7877712). 5.30 Regional News and Weather (115170). 5.35 Tom and Jerry (292267).

5.45 Children in Need. Terry Wogan continues the build-up to the annual fundraiser (S) (281151). \* 5.55 Jim Davidson's Generation Game (S) (881267). 6.55 Noel's House Party (S) (461847).

7.50 The National Lottery Live. Jimmy Nail gets the balls rolling (S) (722064). \* 8.05 Casualty. Caravan site grief for two young girls (S) (740847). \*

8.55 News and Sport; Weather (Followed by National Lottery Update) (588977). \*

9.15 Royal British Legion Festival of Re the 75th anniversary year of the Royal British Legion, Her Majesty the Queen, HRH the Duke of Edinburgh and other members of the royal family join the congregation for a festival of remembrance at the Royal Albert Half (Subsequent programmes

may change) (S) (92408267). \*
10.50 International Match of the Day, Highlights of England's World Cup qualifying match against Georgia in Tbilisi. Plus, rather shorter highlights of Holland v Wales and Northern Ireland v Germany. See The big match, above (S) (2214625). \* 11.55 The Stand-Up Show. Father Ted's Ardal O'Hanlon

introduces another batch of microphone turns: Al Murray, Marcus Brigstocke, Sean Meo and Sean Lock (S) (754847). 12.25 Top of the Pops. From last night, with Simply Red,

Bjork and - yes, I'm afraid so - Robson and Jerome. Jockey Frankie Dettori, rather oddly, is the 1.00 Woodstock 94. Further highlights from Woodstock 94', including performances by Jimmy Cliff, Green

Day, the Spin Doctors, Arrested Development,

James and the Neville Brothers (627855).

2.40 Weather (7845297). To 2.45am.

### BBC2

7.15 TILM The Saint Strikes Back (John Farrow 1939 US). George Sanders' Simon Templar delves into the San Francisco underworld to find out who is

framing Wendy Barrie's father (3642151).

8.20 Open University: Education for All? (4247625).

8.45 Empowerment (6038712). 9.10 A Question of Identity (4790441).

10.00 Chanakya (S) (6322985).

10.35 Network East (S) (6935996) 11.20 Bollywood or Bust! (S) (9471002). 11.50 Film 96 with Barry Norman. Michael Collins and The First Wives Club are re-Bazza'd (6165731).

12.20 The Gay Divorce (Mark Sandrich 1934 US). Having stolen Flying Down to Rio from its nominal headliners, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were given top billing for this lyrical musical about mistaken identities – dancing to Cole Porter's 'Night and Day', and doing an Oscar-winning

The Continental. Treat yourself (266996). \*
2.00 We Dive at Dawn (Anthony Asquith 1943
UK). The first of a double-bill of wartime movies directed by Asquith, and starring John Mills, is an exciting yarn about British submarines hunting German battleships in the Baltic (966644). \* 3.35 The Way to the Stars (Anthony Asquith

1945 UK). The lives and loves of a group of RAF airmen in this excellent, Terence Rattigan-scripted upper lip-stiffener. A first-rate cast includes Michael Redgrave and John Mills (304183).\* 5.20 TOTP 2. Pop old and new (S) (9479828).

6.05 Rhodes. 8/8. Last Sunday's concluding episode again (S) (589557). \*
7.00 News and Sport; Weather (140052). \* 7.15 Assignment. Reporter Ben Brown Investigates Indonesia's President Suharto and his kinsmen, who have become one of the richest families in the world despite the extreme poverty of the rest of the

country (S) (136809). \* 8.00 What the Papers Say. According to Christopher Sylvester of the Daily Express (S) (322248).
8.10 The Road from Jarrow. See Preview, above (S)

8.40 The Car's the Star. The story of the MkII Jaguar (the one Inspector Morse drives) (S) (449480). \* 9.00 Have I Got News for You. Vincent Hanna and Tony Hawks guest from last night (R) (S) (2118).

9.30 Prelude to a Kiss (Norman René 1992 US). Offbeat romantic fantasy whereby, after a whirlwind romance, Alec Baldwin and Meg Ryan are married. But when a mysterious old man kisses the bride, she undergoes a personality change (S) (423170). 11,15 Later with Jools Holland. (New Series) Kula Shaker, Joe Cocker, Jackson Browne, the Blue Nile

and Orbital are the opening guests (S) (688064).

Video Diaries. Male stripper reveals all (186949) 1.15 TIME Traitor (Michael McCarthy 1957 UK). Second World War spies discover, during a reunion, that one of their number was responsible for betraying them to the Gestapo. With Donald Wolfit (Then Weatherview) (883395). To 2.45am.

## ITV/London

Professor Bubble, 6.50 Bug Alert! 7.10 Disney's Wake Up in the Wild Room. 8.20 Gargoyles, 8.50 Alien Rangers (1038373). 9.25 Wow. Panther and Wolf from the Gladiators pay a

visit, as boy-band 911 play live (S) (72472809).

11.00 The Noise. Cornes this week from New York, where Cyndi Lauper is our guide. Plus, a report from Kula Shaker's tour of Berlin (S) (9880).

11.30 The Chart Show (S) (98083). 12.30 Love Bites. Looking at dream dates and the issue of sex before marriage, while the studio guest is Gladiator Rhino. Last in series (S) (68712).

1.00 News & Weather (38884793). 1 1.05 Local News, Weather (38883064). \* 1.10 Movies, Games and Videos (7275248). 1.45 Cartoon Time (24449489).

2.05 The Sandwich Man (Robert Hartford-Davis 1966 UK). Semi-silent vehicle for Michael Bentine finds the ex-Goon playing a sandwich-board man and pigeon-fancier wandering the streets of London anxiously awaiting news of his prize pigeon. If that weren't enough, the supporting cast includes Dora Bryan, Suzy Kendall, Norman Wisdom and (scant consolation) Terry-Thomas (146793). 3.50 SeaQuest 2032 (S) (2707557). \*

4.45 News; Sports Results; Weather (5108151). \*
5.05 London Tonight; Sports Results (Followed by LWT Weather) (5285915). \*

5.20 New Baywatch (S) (1984737). \* 6.15 Gladiators (S) (313248). \* 7.15 Blind Date (Including Lottery Result) (S)

(335460). \* 8.15 Family Fortunes. Two families compete for cash and prizes under the cheery countenance of Les Dennis (S) (639538).

8.45 News; Weather; Lottery Result (Followed by LWT Weather) (593809). \*

9.00 Kiss and Tell. Feature-length police drama. See Preview, above (S) (80145002). \*
11.10 TEM Omen IV: the Awakening (Jorge Montesi, Dominique Othenin-Girard 1991 US). Ignore the title, this made-for-TV honor movie has little else to do with the once-successful series. I mean, an Omen movie without a Damien? Anyhow, the story: a young couple who are unable to have children adopt a baby girl. Need I say more? Faye

Grant and Michael Woods 'star' (670712 O Furny Business. The ubiquitous Ardal O'Hanlon loins Vic and Bob (\$) (88768). 1.30 Tropical Heat. US detective series. A bounty hunter

and an FBI agent are out to settle a score (S) 2.25 The Chart Show (R) (S) (1362213).

4.05 God's Gift (R) (5918403). 4.55 Night Shift (R) (S) (60728749). 5.05 Coach. Luther feels suffocated by his relationship with Lonaine (R) (S) (2926958). 5.30 News (35045). To 6.00am.

## Channel 4

6.00 Sesame Street (1410118). 6.55 The Magic School Bus (3035793), 7.30 Really Wild Animals (7751118), 7.50 First Edition (2384731). 8.05 King Arthur and the Knights of Justice

8.35 Hang Time (6034996). 9.00 The Morning Line (70731). 10.00 Gazzetta Footbell Italia (57793).

11.00 Blitz! (S) (77557). 12.00 Sign On. Visits the Deaf Film and Television Festival in Newcastle (S) (38083).

12.30 See Test Pilot (Victor Fleming 1938 US). Clark

Gable and Spencer Tracy play a couple of test pilots, supported by Myrna Loy and Lionel Barrymore (74264267). \* 2.40 Racing from Doncaster and Wincanton. Brough

Scott and John Francome introduce end of the season flat racing. Doncaster: The 2.55 Co-operative Bank Seriby Stakes, 3.30 Tote Credit. November Handicap and the 4.05 Coalite Dragon Handicap Stakes. Wincarrton: The 3.10 Badger Bear Handicap Chase and 3.45 Tanglefoot Elite Hurdle (S) (82329828). 4.35 Four-Mations: Electric Passions. Computer

animated special effects (S) (4353199). 5.05 Brookside Omnibus (S) (7560462). \* 6.30 Right to Reply (S) (977). \*

7.00 A Week in Politics (S) (1606). 8.00 In Remembrance: Ken Saro-Wiwa, Tribute to the Nigerian human rights leader on the first anniversary of his death. His hanging by the military dictatorship led to international

outrage and Nigeria's suspension from the Commonwealth (S) (2034). \* 9.00 ER. Farmously controversial episode where Dr Greene makes a fatal blunder in misdiagnosing a

pregnant patient (R) (833002). \*
9.55 Jo Brand Through the Cakehole, includes the sketch where Minder actor Gary Webster wakes up beside Brand (R) (S) (850828). 10.25 NYPD Blue. The snappily edited cop squad

investigate on discovering a pregnant woman's charred remains (R) (513557). 11.25 Zardoz (John Boorman 1973 UK). Beautifully photographed, supremely fatuous sci-fitale with Sean Connery (plus loincloth) as the only red-blooded male in a colony of hyper-intellectual and immortal women. Charlotte Rampling takes

our hero's fancy (697489). \* 1.20 Late Licence: Battle Angel Alita. Manga mayhem

(S) (8722671). 2.30 The New Twight Zone. Jenny Agutter stars in the tale of an ageing Lancelot summoned by Merlin who makes an offer he can not refuse (1514652).

2.55 United States of Television. Out-take from the 500 or so channels on offer (R) (S) (9130855).

3.40 Full Frontal. Australian humour (S) (18153294). 4.10 The Real World. US flatshare verité (S) (3449403). To 5.10am.

# ITV/Regions

AMSLIA
As Lordon except: 12.30pm Moves, Games and Videos (68712): 1.10 Beach Volleytral (39952354): 1.40 Touring Care (29106915): 2.10 Almost (2197354): 3.10 Film: The Hollywood Detective (70991809): 1.00em Carnel Knowledge (67316): 2.00em Film: Up the Junction (72497): 4.00em Sound Bites (76415942): 4.10em Helter Skelter (5837584): 5.00-5.30em World of Selling (44836).

CHANNEL 3 HORTH EAST/YORKSHIRE CHANNEL 3 MORTH EAST/YORISMIRE
As London except: 12.30 pm Movies, Garnes and Videos (68712). 1.10 Thrunder in Paradise (5394676). 2.05 Film: Toby Tyler (420267). 3.45 Airwolf (888977). 5.10 Channel 3 North East Edil Time (6629557). Yorks, Scoreline (6629557). 1.30 cm Coach (5511836). 1.55 am War and Remembrance (876294). 3.45 am Late & Loud (2806768). 4.40-5.30 am Murder, She Wrote (5298316).

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As London escapt. 12.30 pm Premiere (68712), 1.10
Carbon (86740354), 1.25 Dinosatirs (39958538),
1.55 Eastern Mix (29102199), 2.25 Movies,
Games and Videos (57443335), 2.55 Airwolf
(1234335), 3.50 RoboCop (2707557), 5.10 Cartral Match – Goals Edza (6629557), 4.05 am Joblinder (4119300), 5.20-5.30 am Astan Eye (1458294).

As London except: 12.30pm West: Movies, Games and Videos: (6871.2). Wales: California Officeri (1731/538). 12.45 Wales: Rugby 2000 (17309793). 1.10 West: Brisbi City - The Glory Years (7397915). 1.40 Wales: The Electric Cheir (29106915). 2.10 Film: Vera Cruz (434460). 3.55 Knight Rider (982273): 1.00am Camal Knowledge (67316). 2.00am Film: Up the Junction (12497). 4.00am Sound Bites; (76415942). 4.10am Helter Stellar (5837584). 5.00-5.30am World of Sailing (44836).

As London except: 12.30pm Movies, Games and Videos (68712). 1.10 A406 (39952354). 1.40 Your-

As C4 except: 9.00am Morning Line (70731), 10.00 Rookies (31267). 10.30 New Garnesmaster (47731). 12.30pm Moviewagich (bb.554). 1.00 The Averlights (61809). 2.00 Tiavelog Tiels (8705815). 6.30 Real Holiday Show (977). 7.00 News (845480). 7.15 Nuson Lawen (3790335). 8.20 Gwyl Gerdd Darit Czernarion Ar Oylch 1996 (96662903). 1.20am Battle Angel Alita (8722671). 4.15-5.10am Real World (3352923).

### Radio

Radio 1

197.6-59 BMH: FMH 7.00am Kevin Greening 10.00 Dave Pearce 1.00 to Whiley 4.00 John Feel 7.00 Lovegroove Dance Party with Danny Ramiline 9.00 Radio 1 Rap Show 12.00 The Radio 1 Reggae Dancehall Nite 2.00 Fisential Mix: Bedroom DJ 4.00-7.00am Claire Sturgess

Radio 2

SS 90 18th FND 6.00am Ma Dutta 8.05 Brian Matthew 10.00 Stove Wright's Saturday Show 1.00 Carrott's Cornedy Choice 1.30 The News Haddines 2.00 Judi Spiers 4.00 Mark Barrottouth 6.00 Readon Nick Barraclough 5.00 Reading Music 6.00 Runng in Concert 7.00 Radio 2 Young Musician 1996 Showcaso 8.00 Royal British Legion Festival of Remer brance 9.15 David Jacobs 10.00 Folk at War 12,05 Charles Nove 4.00-6.00am No Dutta

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7.00am Record Review 9.00 Building a Library. 10.15 Record Release. 11.15 Reissues. 12.00 Private Passions, Michael Berkeley talks to Cleo Laine. 1.00 News: Simon Ruttle - Home

and Away.
3.00 The Department Score. Celebrity Challenge.
3.30 Young Artists' Forum, Prescaled by Sandy Burnett. Geoffrey Smith, live from the fover of the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the very heart of the Lon-5.45 Music Matters. Is there any

such thing as good taste in music. And does it matter? Ivan Hewett considers notions of musical decorum from the medieval period to the present. 6.30 Ines de Castro. A powerful and dramatic opera of love. murder and revenge by James MacMulan, based on a play about the murder of the epony nous crown prince of Portugal by John Clifford, Introduced by eoffrey Baskerville.

9.15 Building for the Arts. Art centres should make sense, argues Sir John Drummond. They are cheap, they become a destination in themselves and they encourage people to exthey generate interesting architecture? (6:6). 9.45 Zehetmair's Bach, The

### Choice

Polishing up its Zimmer frame, I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue (12.25pm R4, left) struggles on to the airwayes for a new series -- this may be the last before the Mornington Crescent ioke faces compulsory retirement. Later, veteran eccentric. ivor Cutier, appears on Stanza on Stage (11.30pm R4).

plays Bach's solo sonatos and partitas. Recorded at the 1995 val in the atmospheric setting of Greviraus Kirk, Bach: 10.15 Impressions, Live from the Vortex Jazz Bar in Stoke New-ington, Bhan Morton intro-duces the quartet led by

saxophonist Bobby Wellins and trombonist Scott Stroman 12.30 Misterioso, Ian Carr introduces tracks from mid-50s recording: made by Theicmons Monk, which were receiving enthusiastic reviews at the ne. (4:8).

Radio 4 的24对现在现 网络山田 6.00am News Briefing 6.10 Farming Today. 6.50 Prayer for the Day. 6.55 Weather. 7.00 Today. 8.58 Weather.

9.00 News. 9.05 Sport on 4. 9.30 Breakaway. 10.00 News: Loose Ends. 11.00 News: The Week in West-11.30 EuroFile. Lucy Ash goes

12.00 Money Box. 12.25 I'm Sorry | Haven't a Clue. See choice, above. 12.55 Weather. 1.00 News. 1.10 Any Questions? 1.55 News: Any Answers?
2.00 News: Any Answers?
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: On the Edge of the World. Historical

Pope has to intervene.

books. (3.5). 4.30 Science Now.

5.00 file on 4. 5.40 The Wardrobe. 5.50 Stipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. 1.00 Through the Night. With Danald Macleod.
6.00-7.00am Sequence. 6.00 Six O'Clock News.

inside a Russian prison and discovers prisoners awaiting trial who are suffocating in cells where disease is endemic.

drama by Mike Dorrell set at the time of King John. When

the archbishopric of St David's in remotest Pembrokeshire be-comes vacant, Gerald of Wales feels his Welsh ancestry should make him the perfect candidate. But the King suspects separatist tendencies, and the

4.00 News; A History of Reading in Five Volumes. Does reading not the brain and damage the womb. Don Fowler examines the history of rhetoric against women reading and asks why women now spend so much more time than men with

> 6.25 Week Ending. 6.50 Ad Lib. Robert Robinson eavesdrops on a group of fish-7.20 Kaleidoscope Feature. The impact of Igor Stravinsky on 20th-century music is still not fully appreciated. Three con-

temporary composers pick a masterwork of their choice and evaluate his legacy. 7.50 On These Days. 8.50 Saturday Night Theatre: The Butterfly Hunt. A tale of individual heroism by Matthew Splon. At the height of the Secand World War, Ursula Graham Bower found herself and the Naga tribespeople confront the advancing Japanese in a remote part of Burma with vir-

Jenkins and Samuel West. 9.35 Classics with Key. 9.50 Ten to Ten. 10.00 News. 10.15 The Seduction and Demise of Joseph Loughran. In Pearse

tually no weapons and no

to than hard work on a building site and a bit of love and lust. Then one fatal night he promises more than he can

11.15 The Lobsang Rampa-Lampa: Mystic and Plumber. William Scanlan Murphy tells the curious story of Cyril Hoskins, the Devonshire plumber who reinvented himself as a Tibetan lama.

11.30 Stanza on Stage. Nor Cutter and his marvellous harmonium, recorded at the Birmingham Readers and Writers' Festival.

See choice, left. 12.00 News. 12.30 The Late Story: Flesh, Blood and Formalds Alex Jones.
12.48 Shipping Forecast.

1.00-6.00am As World Service.

Radio 5

(63), 90 kk M/h 6.00am Dirty Tackle 6.30 Brian Hayes 9.05 Welvend with Ker-shaw and Whittaker 11.05 Top Gear 11.35 Sick as a Parrot 11.55 Sport on Five 6.06 Sb-0-Six 6.55 World Cup Football 9.05 Championship Boxing 12.05 Night Talk 2.00 Up All Night 5.00-6.00am Momeng Reports

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(100.0-16).9885 FM 6.00am Sarah Lucas 9.00 Classic Countdown 12.00 Gardening Fo-rum 1.00 Alan Mann 4.00 Nick Bailey 7.00 Russian Revelation 8.00 Evening Concert. Gershwin: An American in Paris, Delius: Paris - The Song of a Great City, Offenbach: Gaite Parisienne, Johann Svendsen: Camival in Paris, Mozart Symphony No 31 in D (Paris) 10.00 The Classic Quiz 12.00 Andre Leon 4.00 Travel Guide 5.00-6.00am Michael Fanstone.

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# **Satellite**

7.00am Undun (98064). 9.00 Sally Jessy Raphael (23847). 10.00 Designing Women (84373). 10.30 Murphy Brown (74809), 11.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose (16809), 11.30 Real TV (17538), 12.00 WWF (50557), 1.00 The Hit Mix (14915). 2.00 Hercules (85002). 3.00 The Lazarus Man (11354), 4.00 WWF (30489), 5.00 Pacific Blue (8441), 6.00 America's

Durnbest Criminals (5460), 6.30 Tyson Exclusive... with Roseanne (6712). 7.00 Hercutes (35422), 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries (44170), 9.00 Cops ( (29373), 9.30 Cops () (97536), 10.00 Stand and Defiver (99118), 10.30 Revetations (75538). 11.00 Movie Show (31118). 11.30 Young Indiana Jones (11286). 12.30 Dream On

(65768), 1.00 Comedy Rules (61126), 1.30 The Edge (74132), 2.00-7.00am Hit Mix (40107). SEV MOVES 6.00am The Rainzer, the Cook and a Hole in the Sky (1995) (56335), 8.00 They All Laughed (1981) (76354), 10.00 Kruli (1983) (97248), 12.00 Jules Verne's 800 Leagues Down the Amazon (1994) (66977). 2.00 Curse Amazon (1994) (66977). 2.00 Curse of the Viking Grave (1991) (58373). 4.00 Trop Beverly Hills (1989) (3373). 6.00 The Beverly Hillbilles (1993) (45309). 8.00 Terminal Velocity (1994) (40354). 10.00 Deadbolt (1992) (572606). 11.40 Terminal Velocity (1994) (335422). 1.25 Object of Obsession (1994) (147774). 3.00 The Amazart (1987) (54584). 4.30-6.00am The Bauerly Hillbilles (1993) (40687).

HOVE CHANGE 6.00am A-Haurting We Will Go (1942) (1088538). 7.10 Attentugs (1943) (7472037). 8.30 The Counterfeit Contessa (1994) (34351170), 10.10 Norwood (1970) (42521248). 10.10 Norwood (1970) (4252/248), 12.00 Forbidden Memories (1995) (97847), 2.00 Dead Mart's Revenge (1993) (569/15), 4.00 Trapped in Par-adise (1915), 6.00 Camiliz-(1994) (36151), 8.00 Speechless (1994) (48996), 10.00 Kalifornia (1993) (78985), 12.00 Cosmic Stop (1994) (36045), 1.30 Decadence (1993) (38331), 3.00 No-One Could Protect Her (1995) (581855), 4.40 : litterbugs (1943) (85074749).

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SAY SPORTS 1 7.00am World Sport (45996), 7.30 Cavalcade (26489), 8.30 Racing News (62199), 9.00 Boxing: Count down to Judgement Night (36335). 10.00 Hold the Back Page (53915). 11.00 International Football: Georgia vs England (51147). 2.00 Booting (38118). 3.00 Sports Saturday Results (423118). 5.30 ice Hockey (58147). 6.30 Ice Hockey – Live (134712). 9.00 Rugby Union Update (83083). 11.00-1.30am Ice Hockey (988460)

SXY SPORTS 2 7.00am Soccer AM (5972267). 11.00 Motorsport: American Sports Cavalcade (6458460), 12.00 Gott: Inside the PGA Senior four (3516151). 12.30 Golf: Inside the PGA Tour (1954286). 1.00 The Rugby Club (1942441). 2.00 Astan Golf Show (7551995). 3.00 to Hockey. NHL Power Week (2675557). 4.00 ASP Surfing (265-5064), 5.00 High Five (2432489). 5.30 Boxing: Countdown to Judgement Night (8079425). 5.30 International Football: Georgia vs England (1652002). 8.00-12.00midnight Boxing: Judgement Night (Part One) — Live (3308809).

STAY BOX OFFICE 12.00 midnight Boxing: Judgement Night (Part 2) - Live (9039107).

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00non UK Skill Salling (55702354), 12.30 High Five (25304625), 1.00 World Motor Sport (87430460), 5.00 World Sport Spe-cial (36438505), 5.30 Golf Kapalus International (15029151). 7.00 Live Golf: Kapalus International (98424605), 8.30 Spanish Football (35220098). 11.00 UK Skiff Sailing (50498248), 11.30-12:00mids

6.00am Revelations 6.30 Looking for Love 7.00 Spanish Archer 7.30 Mind and Body 8.00 Why Files 8.30 Video Box 9.00 Fate and Fortune 9.30 Fash-ion 10.00 Revelations 10.30 Looking for Love 11.00 Mind and Body 11.30 Spanish Archer 12.00 Gail's Campus Capers 12.30 Why Files 1.00 Looking for Love 1.30 Fate and Fortune 2.00 Fashion 2.30 Mind and Body 3.00 Chequered Flag 3.30 Pm Money 4.00 Eric's Monster Sport Show 5.30 Eva's Seventies Pop Show 5.00 Fashion 6.30 Eric's Monster Sport 7.00 Span-ish Archer 7.30 Revelations 8.00 sh Archer 7.30 Revetations 8.00 Bushido 9.03 Why Files 9.30 Looking for Love 10.03 Ends Monster Sport 10.30 Stand-Up Live 11.03 Fate and Fortune 11.30 The Sex Show 12.00-

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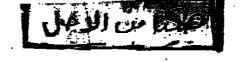
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# It's flimsy, faded – and the most precious item in the world

This rather tatty looking, sained piece of paper is arguably the most valuable object in the world. A rare Swedish stamp, nearly a century and a half old, it was sold for a record 29 million Swiss francs (£2.1m) at a public auction in Zurich

yesterday.

The Treskilling Yellow, which is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the most valuable object of any type by weight, volume and density, has belonged successively to many of the world's top-collectors since first going on the mar-ket in 1885. It was first sold to a Stockholm dealer for just 7 Swedish kroner (70p) that year by a schoolboy who discovered it arrong a pile of letters at his grandmother's house.

The sale eclipsed the record of SF#19m (£890,000) for the same stamp in 1990 and was bought by an unidentified Stockholm-based dealer. It will be shown at a Thanksgiving weekend exhibition at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York later this month.

Auctioneer David Feldman who co-ordinated the sale said yesterday that the price went far beyond expectation and pre-dicted that it would give the world stamp-collecting market a major boost.

"It will give a lot of confidence to people who have bought rare stamps," he said. "It's a very special moment in

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the mystery buyer who many believe is a Stockholm-based

Bogdan Stanculescu, a Romanian collector and stamp expert, estimated that only a handful of collectors would have the means to buy the Treskilling Yellow, adding that it was possible that the person who bought it wanted to keep it in Sweden.

Mr Feldman said he knew the identity of the collector but declined to identify him. "I have met him before, but I did not know he was going to bid,"

Hans Lemestal, the Stockholm dealer who bought the stamp for the private client, said he would have been prepared to pay even more for it. "I am very proud to have the honour to purchase the most valuable item in the world," he said.

The Treskilling stamp is the only yellow version of an 1855 three-shilling issue, which is Sweden's first postage stamp. Although in appearance it is in fact a dull, orangey hue, the others that have survived are green, and for many years yesterday's stamp was believed to be a fake. Scientific tests in the 1970s proved otherwise.

It has held the single stamp record in successive sales since 1984, and its latest owner, Sven-Olof Karisson of Sweden, decided to sell rather than make final payments on the purchase he made six years ago.

Yesterday's sale took about four minutes, with some 16 Predictably, the battle was on bids coming in from more than in Zurich yesterday to identify half a dozen would-be buyers,



Stamp of distinction: Treskilling Yellow -- the most valuable item in the world by weight, volume and density

including one by telephone from Malaysia.

The stamp was discovered by Swedish schoolboy George Backman in 1885. During a Christmas visit to his grand-mother, 14-year-old George asked her to open a chest of drawers so that he could search for letters, hoping to find some old stamps to sell. He took the yellow stamp and some others to a dealer in Stockholm who agreed to buy it for Skr7.

Recalling the occasion in later years, Mr Backman said: "I dared to ask him whether I was to receive seven crowns for the stamp, whereupon he answered I shall pay that much all the same." Shortly after complet-

ing the transaction, Mr Backman discovered that the dealer had already been offered 300 crowns for the rarity, but had declined to part with it, saying: "It will someday reach a very high price."

### Stars of the stamp world

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The Mauritius "Bordeaux Cover" - a letter sent to wine before the stamp's official date merchants in 1847 with the 1 penny and 2 penny first issues of Mauritius - which was bought for £2.6m in less than a minute at an auction in Zurich in 1993.

A British Penny Black, sold on an addressed envelope, then burnt it - thereby doubling went for £1.3m because the the value of the surviving

# letter had been sent four days

of issue, 6 May 1840. A one cent British Guyana stamp dating from 1856. The owner of one of the only two known examples of the "British Guyana 1 cent" bought the other for about £30,000 and then burnt it - thereby doubling

# significant shorts

# to Kremlin hospital

Recovering from his quintuple bypass faster than expected, President Boris Yelsin yesterday moved into a hospital where he has a suite of offices and asked for some classical music.

The Russian leader, 65, has been pushing doctors for days to move him to the Kremlin hospital, which has presidential offices and a more homely atmosphere. Prime Minister Viktor

Chernomyrdin said no one could talk him out of it: "The president's health will mprove very fast now." he predicted after Yeltsin left the Moscow Cardiological Centre, where he underwent surgery on Tuesday. AP - Moscow

### US army officer on rape charge

The US army has brought charges of rape and sexual harassment against a captain and two drill sergeants at the Army Ordnance Center in Maryland.

The Pentagon said it had identified more than a dozen victims, all female recruits in their second eight weeks of military training.

"All of us are deeply troubled by the allegations of Hell's Angels sexual misconduct and rape, said Gen. Dennis Reimer, Army chief of staff at a Pentagon news conference.

AP ~ Washington

### Spain's jobless toll increases

Joblessness in Spain rose to 14.08 percent in October, from 13.82 percent in September, the Ministry of

Labour said yesterday. The number of Spaniards registered as out of work rose by 40,099 people, to a rounded 2,23 million at the end of October. AP- Madrid

### Yeltsin moved Turkey orders smoking clampdown

Parliament in Turkey, a country of dedicated smokers, has adopted a law banning smoking in most public places and the sale of cigarettes to children.

Public transport, sports centres and locations providing health, education and cultural services are to be smoke-free and anyone caught selling tobacco to under-18s will be fined 10m Turkish lira (£64). The law will also curb eigarette advertising and make health warnings on tobacco packs compulsory. AP - Ankara

### Swiss soldiers reprimanded

Outraged farmers and railway officials yesterday demanded that the Swiss government rein in the army on after officers admitted soldiers had practised their skills subduing unruly farmers and striking rail workers. Last week, the army also admitted to staging a manoeuvre in which tanks warded off a hypothetical invasion from neighbouring Italy's secessionist Padania movement. Reuter - Berne

# move on

The Hells Angels have abandoned their downtown Copenhagen headquarters, which was hit by a deadly anti-tank grenade last month, city officials said yesterday.

The bikers are at the centre of a low-level guerrilla war being waged among motorcycle gang members across Scandinavia and Finland. Last month, a grenade slammed into the Copenhagen headquarters. killing two people and injuring 19 others, during an annual beer bash. AP - Copenhagen

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# **Patrick Johnson**

Patrick Johnson was someone who used to be described approvingly as an "all-rounder". He was a rowing Blue at Oxford, and began a distinguished scientific career there as a physicist. He was a Fellow and Tutor at Magdalen College for 20 years, in service in Operations, for which he was appointed OBE. He was also an experienced yachtsman, a trained pilot and a first-class shot.

His whole life might have been rather different. He went to Dartmouth in 1917 at the age of 13, but when the war was over and the Royal Navy being cut back his father urged him to leave and go to Tonbridge School instead. From there, he went up to Oxford and read physics at Magdalen.

He had learned to row at Tonbridge, and rowed in the Magdalen First Eight for three years. In those days, Magdalen had been amongst the three top crews on the river for 50 years, a record unbeaten by any other college. Johnson stroked the 1926 crew when they regained second position, and was Captain in his final year. He was also but it was in the middle of a disastrous period in Oxford rowing when Cambridge won every race except one for 18 years.

He spent a postgraduate year at the Sorbonne before returning to Oxford in 1928 where he was appointed a Fellow and Tu-



tor at Magdalen, and University Lecturer in Physics. At that time there was rivalry within the department headed by Professor John Townsend, between the theoretical physicists in the Clarendon Laboratory and the electricians in the Electrical Laboratory. A course of lectures on "High Vacuum Physics", advertised by the latter, is said to have been countered by another on "Higher Vacuum Physics" by the former. As an electrician, one of Johnson's interests at

that time was the development

of electro-magnetism.

He was a tutor for almost 20 years at Magdalen before and after the Second World War. well remembered, not only by his pupils but by many undergraduates. He was the only Fellow of the college this century to have been a rowing Blue and was an energetic and legendary supporter of the Boat Club. He coached many good Magdalen crews through the 1930s, and also coached the Oxford crew in 1933.

The Magdalen SCR at that time had many formidable members. Johnson played golf with Harry Weldon, sailed with John Morris, and lived in the company of Fellow bachelors like C.S. Lewis and Bruce Mc-Farlane. His best-known pupil and closest friend was James Griffiths, lifelong Fellow and lat-er President of Magdalen; they were regulars at the Lamb and Flag together and at the back bar of the King's Arms.

Despite Dartmouth, and flying Bristol Fighters with the University Air Squadron, when the Second World War came Johnson was in the Army. He worked initially on radar operations, and later served as Deputy Scientific Adviser to Field Marshal Montgomery in

21st Army Group.
After the war, Johnson returned to Magdalen, and was Vice-President in 1946-47. To the surprise of many, he then accepted the appointment of Director of Studies at RAF College, Cranwell, where he re- died London 29 October 1996. | Bensyoun: Sur

friend at the time that after five years away from Oxford he found the prospect of keeping pace with the teaching of physics somewhat daunting and worried that he might not be abe to offer his students the support they needed. He had always been known more for his dedicated teaching than for his own scientific research.

His next appointment was in India, where he was head of the Institute of Armament Studies in Poona from 1952 to 1955. He returned to London to become Scientific Adviser to the Army Council, and ended his scientific career as Assistant Scientific adviser to SHAPE. Far from retirement, he then spent eight years with the Educational Foundation for Visual Aids as Head of their Experimental Development Unit, from 1962

His many friends at Oxford will remember him as an energetic and practical man; often gruff but always warmhearted; critical but incisive; and modest but determined in all he did. Academic pressures today would make it difficult for an allrounder like Pat Johnson to win a Fellowship and Lectureship at Oxford, but the contribution which he made in the first half of a long and busy life kept his name alive there for another 50 years, during which he re-mained, as all had known him, an avuncular bachelor.

Patrick Johnson, physicist: born 24 May 1904; Fellow and Lecturer in Natural Science, Mag-dalen College, Oxford 1928-47, Dean 1934-38, Vice-President 1946-47; OBE 1945; Director of Studies, RAF College, Cranwell 1947-52; Dean, Institute of Armament Studies, India 1952-55; Scientific Adviser to the Army Council 1955-58; Assistant Scientific Adviser, SHAPE 1958-62; Head of Experimental Development Unit, Educational Foundation for Visual Aids 1962-70;



# Robert Benayoun

One of the inexplicable mysteries of French life is the exorbitant enthusiasm for the person and the movies of Jernighly respected literary and film critic, was one of his most ardent (yet clear-headed) admirers, and wrote an entertaining book about his hero, Bonjour Mr Lewis (revised and enlarged in 1989).

This work is a classic example of French intellectuality, when the critical faculty is expressed in the form of a declaration of love and an aesthetic manifesto. Jerry Lewis is the sort of comedian who makes sensitive souls shrink. He can ensure total embarrassment. and that is what fascinates Robert Benayoun. Lewis's infantile excesses and tasteless lewdnesses are a kind of blundering frankness in which Benayoun sees a violent affirmation of the truth of life.

His book is a series of portraits with lavish interviews that merge into an overwhelmingly grotesque megalomaniac megastar clown always on the verge of tears, in the most ludicrous yet banal situations, with a kind of savage beauty and awesome courage in his wildest burlesque routines. Benayoun sees in this monster the archaic figure of a primitive jester, a Pan whose irreverence appeals to the infant buried deep inside us all, and that longs to erupt irrationally, as Jerry Lewis so often does, into our primly restrictive adult

But how did a young Moroccan come to gain such deep insights into the dubious appeal of Jerry Lewis? Perhaps ances-tral memories of holy fools and the liberating logic of figures like the Incredible Mulla Nasrudin, immortalised for us in the delightful books of Idris Shah, put Robert Benayoun on the right track, which led straight to post-war Surrealism. He was a disciple of André Breton, revered his writings and joined the Surrealist movement in Paris in 1948. He was also crazy about the movies, and deter-Photograph: Kobai Collection mined to put his master's the October 1996.

ories into practice in the Sevenih Art. He began in 1950 by creating with a Greek fellow enthusiast, Ado (for Adonais) Ky-Lewis. Robert Benayoun, a rou, a small review, L'Age du cinema, which was short-lived. Then he joined the staff of a more substantial organ. Positif. that was to rival Les Cahiers du Cinéma as France's (and Europe's) finest movie magazine. It was launched in 1952, and Benayoun contributed notable reviews and essays.

From 1972 to 1983 he was Eur always-readable film critic for Le Point, defender of the inpendent director, the most unpopular "literary" themes and experimental Surrealist treatments. He was a keen critic of the nouvelle vague and at the time was unusual in his championing of American comedians like Buster Keaton, Woody Allen and the Marx Brothers, those darlings of our British intellectuals. He also wrote on the work of Alain Resnais and John Huston, and composed a memorable tribute to Breton in L'Erousme du Surréalisme (1965). Other well-received works were L'Anthologie du non-sense (1959). Le Dessin animé de Walt Disney (1961), Les Frères Maix (1980), Le Regard de Buster Keaton (1982) and Woody Allen au-delà du langage ("Woody Allen Beyond All Words", 1985).

His early cinematic efforts were only two: Paris n'existe pas (1969) and Sérieux comme le plaisir (1975), scripted with Jean-Claude Carrière and with music by Serge Gainsbourg (who plays a small part). Just be-fore his death, he had been working intermittently of a new book about Steven Spielberg, which his long illness did not allow him to complete. He lies now in Montparnasse cemetery, along with so many other writers, artists and people from the entertainment world, and near Henri Langlois, founder of the Paris Cinémathèque.

Robert Benayoun, critic and film director: born Port-Lyautey, Morocco 1926: died Paris 20

formed his own band, the Tex-

# **David Sisman**

Before the microchip changed all our lives, revolutionising the way we seek and receive information, there was another, quieter, revolution - in the

world of reference books. David Sisman was one of the small group of pioneers who, in the 1950s and early 1960s, changed the look of an entire genre - atlases, gardening books, DIY books, cookbooks, nature books, guidebooks. Where previously there had been solid text, peppered with black-and-white line drawings and perhaps a few colour plates man to deliver material on time tipped in, reference books suddenly came alive. Full colour photographs and diagrams conveyed to millions of readers what they needed to know on any subject from plate tectonics to pruning an apple tree.

Sisman had an exceptional eye for design, a rare talent for friendship, a deep interest in other people and a healthy lack of concern for money - either for making it or for holding on to it.

After wartime and post-war service in the Royal Navy and a brief spell in advertising he joined the London office of Reader's Digest in 1953 and was promptly seconded to their have something to do with fledgling Italian office, to take Reader's Digest. By the time they charge of art and design. To reached the 16th floor, Sisman

David Sisman and his wife Marjorie, coming from a country still in the grip of austerity, Italy was a revelation - a land of sunshine, and no rationing. Equally, Italians. They had been expecting a stiff, reserved English naval officer. What they got was an artist and designer who could turn any deadline into a drama, and could match the best of them, histrionics for histrionics. The promotion copywriter in Milan found that the best way to get David Siswas to burst into tears. Then there would be apologies, flowers, chocolates - and a winning batch of designs. The Italians were so impressed that they gave Sisman a nickname: "the prima donna".

After four years in Italy, Sis man swapped jobs with his London counterpart and became art director for Reader's Digest in Britain. This meant visits to the parent company in the United States. On one such trip. he stepped into an elevator in New York to find the only other occupant was a smartly dressed woman who seemed to

Lila Acheson Wallace, coowner and co-founder, with her husband DeWitt Wallace, of Reader's Digest. David Sisman was to become their favourite Englishman, and to spend many happy years at the Digest, spotting and encouraging young

In his youth he had run away to join the Merchant Navy, volunteering for the Royal Navy in 1942. Twice he was aboard ships that were sunk by enemy action. On the second occasion, when HMS Egret was bombed off Cape Finisterre in August 1943. only 27 survived out of a crew



had so captivated her that she of 231. Some of the younger invited him to dinner. She was sailors, thrown into a heaving sea, were beginning to despair and to give up the fight. But Sisman, despite his hands being badly burnt, swam from man to man, keeping their spirits up and giving more than one young sailor the will to hang on until help arrived. Later, he volunteered for submarines and became a navigation officer on patrol in the Atlantic. He finished the war with a DSC, but always insisted that "everybody

who was in the war got a medal

A love of the sea staved with

Sisman all his life. He was a

keen member of the British Sub Aqua Club, editing and illustrating their official Diver's Manual. He was the editor of The Professional Diver's Handbook (1982) and co-wrote, with Peter Dick, Underwater Diving (1985). He explored many wrecks off the coast of Wales and the South-West, where his training in navigation made him a valued member of any diving team. He could read tide tables, and predict a squall just by looking up at the sky. "I really must give up diving," he would say, turned 70 and the survivor of two strokes. But everybody knew he didn't mean

BSAC with training courses and lectures that combined hard, practical information with wit and brilliant the trations.

Right up to the time of his fi-nal, catastrophic stroke in 1998. Sisman stayed young by integral life to the full. Calligraphy, classes in life drawing, slate engrav-ing, flying – all of these he took up and mastered. Yet he still found time to set female hearts a-flutter, working for the charity Costact and looking after what he called "my old ladies".

After his last stroke. David Sisman was taken into the Roval Star and Garter Home for Disabled Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen at Richmond, Surrey. He was divorced in 1967, but he remained a good friend of his former wife, to the extent of going on holiday with Marjorie and her new husband. He leaves a son, the writer Adam Sisman, a daughter, the designer Lucy Sisman, and the partner and companion of his later years, Annie O'Dell.

Robin Hosie

David Sisman, designer: born Hendon 4 February 1920; married 1948 Marjorie Parker (one son, one daughter; marriage dis-solved 1967); died Richmond, it. He continued helping the Surrey 24 October 1996.

# **Ted Daffan**

In 1970, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the evolution of the country song, Theron Eugene "Ted" Daffan was elected a charter member of the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame.

Several of his songs became milestones: "Truck Drivers Blues", which was a hit for Chiff Bruner and his Texas Wanderers in 1939, is usually cited as the first trucking song, whilst "Worried Mind", co-written with the future Governor of Louisiana Jimmie Davis, was an important record in the career of the singing cowboy, Roy Rogers.

Perhaps his most enduring number, however, has been "Born To Lose". A bleak study of the country boy coming to terms with life in the city, Daffan hit upon its title during a game of poker with his accordion player and published it using the pseudonym Frankie Brown. His own version, produced by Columbia's Britishborn A&R man "Uncle" Art Satherley and featuring a smooth steel guitar from Daffan and the baritone of Leon Scago, was a Stateside hit in 1944. It has since been covered numerous times, notably by Ray Charles on his landmark the Bar-X Cowboys and then



album Modern Sounds In Country & Western (1962). Although born in Louisiana. Ted Daffan was raised in Houston. As a youngster, he took up the steel guitar and played in a Hawaiian band named the Blue Islanders whilst pursuing a day job in electronics.

By 1934, he was performing with Leon "Pappy" Selph's Blue Ridge Playboys; a band whose personnel also at various times included Floyd Tilman, Aubrey "Moon" Mullican, Bob Dunn and Cliff Bruner, later acknowledged as the principal architects of honky tonk. A year later, Daffan joined

In addition to versions of "Born To Lose" and "Worlied Mind" he also scored with "No Letter Today" (1944) and "Headin' Down the Wrong Highway" Relocating to California, Daffan and the Texans became

mainstavs at the Venice Pier ballroom before returning to Texas in 1946 and continuing o record for Columbia until 1961. Although he continued perform, Daffan concentrated

increasingly on his songwriting: furnishing both Faron Young "Tve Got Five Dollars and It's Saturday Night") and Hank Snow ("Tangled Mind") with sizeable hits in 1956 and 1957 respectively. In the years leading up to his

retirement, Daffan became heavily involved in the publishing company he ran in partnership with Snow, and with his own record label.

Theron Eugene Daffan (Ted Daffan), musician and songwriter: born Beauregarde, Louisiana 21 September 1912; married; died Houston, Texas 6

### Births. **Marriages** & Deaths

BIRTHS

BLISS: On 30 October, in London, to Liz (Kutt) and Nicholas, twins, Luke William and Sarah Mary Jane, a brother and sister for Marcus.

DEATHS

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Birthdays

TODAY: The Right Rev James Adams, former Bishop Sulfragam of Barking, 81; Mr Kenneth Ashron, trade union leader, 71; Mr Victor Blank, chairman, Charterhouse pic, 54; Lord Brabourne, television and film producer, 72; Mr David Constant, cricket umpire, 55; Mr Bryan Davies MP, 57; Miss Karen Dotrice, actress, 41; Mr George Duncan, chairman, ASW Holdings, 63; Sir Robin Gillett, underwriter and former Lord Mayor of London, 71; Mr Ronald Harwood, novelist and play-wright, 62; Miss Katharine Hepburn, actress, 87; Mr Henry Hogger, High Commissioner to Namibia, 48; High Commissioner to Namibia, 48; Mr Anthony Holland, solicitor and former President, the Law Society, 58; Mr Alistair Horne, military hisorian, 71; Miss Hedy Lamarr, actress, 83; Mr Hugh Leonard, playwright, 70; Mr Roger McGough, poet, 59; Air Vice-Marshal Kenneth Nairn, RCAF, chartered acformer chief nursing officer, DHSS, 86; Miss Stella Richman, television

producer, 74; Mr Tony Slattery, actor and writer, 37; Mr Donald Trelford, former Editor of the Observer, 59; Viscount Weir, chairman, the Weir Group, 63; Mr Ton. Weiskopf, golfer, 54; Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, chairman, Next, 61. TOMORROW: Sir Peter Baldwin, former chairman, SE Thames Regional Health Authority, 74; Mr Robert Carrier, broadcaster and cookery writer, 73; Dame Fra Coulshed, former Director, WRAC. 2; Mr Frank Durr, racehorse trainer, 70; Mr Nigel Evans MP, 39; Mr Roger Farrance, former chairman. Electricity Association Services, 63; Miss Donya Fiorentino, fashion model, 29; Mr Don Henderson, actor, 64: Sir Giles Loder, a vice-

president of the Royal Horticultur-

al Society, 82; The Right Rev

of Reechin and Primus of the Eriss copal Church in Scotland, 72; Mr Raymond Plummer, former president and honorary director, Design and Industries Association, 80; Sir Tim Rice, lyricist, 52: Professor Elizabeth ou, geneticist, 68; Viscount man, Runciman Investments, 62: Sir William Ryrie, former executive vice-president and chief executive. Inworld Bank, 68; Mr Roy Scheider, actor, 61; Sir David Serpell, former senior civil servant, 85; Admiral of the Fleet Sir William Staveley, chair-man, North Thames Regional Health Auathority, 68; Mrs Elizabeth Toul-son, chairman, WRVS, 48.

Anniversaries -

TODAY: Births: Ivan Sergeyevich Turgenev, playwright, 1818; Edward VII, King, 1841; Dr Herbert Thomas Kalmus, inventor of Technicolor, 1881; Jean-Omer Marie-Gabriel Monnet, political economist, 1888. Deaths: William Camden, antiquarian and historian, 1623; Guillaume Apollinaire (Wilhelm Apollinaris Kostrowitsky), poet, 1918; James Ramsay MacDonald, statesman, 1937; Arthur Neville Chamberlain, an, 1940: Chaim Weizmann first president of Israel, 1952; Dylan Mariais Thomas, poet, 1953; General Charles de Gaulle, statesman, 1970. On this day: the New York Symphony Orchestra gave its first concert, 1858; flogging in the British Army was abolished, 1859; the first woman mayor, Mrs Elizabeth Garrett Anderson, was elected at Aldeburgh, 1908; the Japanese took Shanghai, 1937; the death penalty for murder was abol-ished in Britain, 1965; Edward Brooke, of Massachusetts, was elected as the first black member of the US Senate. 1966. Today is the Feast Theodore the Recruit and St Vitorus or Vanne; and Lord Mayor's Day.

TOMORROW: Births: Martin Luther, Protestant reformer, 1483; Paracelsus (Philippus Aureolus Theophrastus Bombast von Hohen-heim), physician, 1493; William Hog-arth, painter and engraver, 1697; Oliver Goldsmith, playwright, 1728; Johann Christoph Friedrich von Schiller, poet and playwright, 1759; Claude Rains, actor, 1889; Richard Burton (Richard Walter Jenkins), actor, 1925. Deaths: Jean-Nicolas Arthur Rimbaud, poet, 1891; Mustapha Kemal Atanini, statesman, 1938; Leonid Ilyich Brezintev, Soviet political leader, 1982. On this day: Christopher Columbus discovered Antigua on his second voyage, 1493; the Huguenots were defeated at the Battle of St Denis, 1567: Alois Senefelder patented the lithographic printing process, 1798; Sir Henry Morton Stanley met Livingstone at Ujiji, Tanganyika, 1871; an airmail service began between London and Paris, 1919. Tomorsow is Remembrance Sunday and the Feast Day of St Aedh MacBrice, St Andrew Avellino, St Justus of Canterbury. St Leo

Lectures

National Callery: Tom Parsons, "Remembering (fi): Catena, Saint Jerome in his Study", 12pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Emma

the Great and St Theoctista.

Taylor, "Victorian Dress 1837-70", Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "At Home and Abroad: Reynolds and Wright of Derby", 1pm. British Museum: Rowena Loven

"Byzantine Mosaics of Jordan", National Portrait Gallery: Rachel Barnes, "The English Post-Impres-

sionists", 3pm. TOMORROW Tate Gallery: Laurence Bradbury, "Artists on Tour", 2.30pm.

# A problem of idle and scandalous priests Two stories this week focus on the disci-

pline of priests and make clear what a huge gap exists between the Church of England and everyone else on the matter, even though the gap is being closed rapidly. The first is the clampdown in the Roman Catholic diocese of Bristol on the

neocatechumenate movement. The movement is accused of all the things that new eligious movements are generally accused of, sometimes with justice: it is said to be parasitic and destructive; to remove its members from the the rest of the Church and to rely on esoteric doctrines. Perhaps most serious is the unspoken accusation that members of the movement owe their allegiance to the movement itself and not to the wider Church as represented by their bishop. This is never quite made explicit in the report of the Clifton diocese's commission of enquiry, because under the Roman Catholic system it is not quite sayable that things should be otherwise. On the other hand, the commission recommends that the bishop consider whether to redeploy the priests concerned, and, if he decides to do so, there is nothing whatever they can do to stop him.

Compare and contrast this with the Anglican situation. If the priests involved had had their freehold in the Church of England, nothing whatever could be done to get rid of them. If they had merely been priests in charge, employed on contract, all that could practicably be done would be to wait for the end of their contracts, though this would not take more than a couple of years.

The reforms in clergy courts proposed last week are meant to remedy this dis-tressing state of Anglican indiscipline. They do this in two ways: by weakening the procidental to Establishment, that anyone who parties agree.

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The Church of England could take lessons from the Roman Catholic Church on disciplining

its clergy, writes Andrew Brown. But it must beware of operating behind closed doors.

tection afforded by the freehold to idle or

scandalous priests and by strengthening the protection available to priests in charge. The protection which clergy freehold provides to its owners is at the moment implicit more than explicit. It is not what the law demands of them that is inadequate, but the difficulty of applying these demands. They are protected by the expense and embarrassment of removing a clergyman who does not want to go. There are three cases used to demonstrate this

fact: more telling than the details is the fact that these three cases are the only ones. which have ever been brought under the 1963 legislation. There is no case in which it has ever worked as intended. The reforms are supposed to replace the present machinery with something quicker, cheaper, and apparently fairer. It does look as if the proposed machinery will do all these things. There is also a new

graded scale of punishments, ranging

from complete defrocking to solemn

warnings. These have the advantage, in-

ignores them will find himself automati-cally in contempt of court, which can be a fierce sanction.

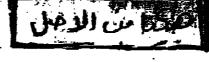
To go with the punishments, there is new offences, such as "gross inefficients.".

This can seem very sinister. In fact it would have been useful in the past. One rural priest told me once that his predecessor held the freehold from 1952 to 1987: "In that time he did nothing. He left the church, the hall and even the vicarage derelict when he retired. One service a week with attendance in single figures. Heleft half a million and his will was published the week we launched an appeal to repair some of the long legacy of neglect."

Yet there is one point in the new system which seems to me scandalous. This is the provision that trials should normally be held in private. This is the legacy of Lincoin Cathedral. The trial and acquittal of the dean on charges of adultery last year was a tremendous story that made the Church of England look utterly ridiculous Yet such cases must continue to arise. What made Lincoln a difficult case was that the charges came down to a question of trust: she said he did; he said he didn't. There were no witnesses. This difficulty

The Church cannot take the view that the priest in such circumstances must ways be believed. So, if the allegations cannot be disproved, they must lead to a trian To hold these trials behind closed doors may spare the Church embarrassment; the price, however, is loss of credibility and I don't think that's worth paying. However squalid and undignified the Lincoln trial was, it should only be possible infuture to try such cases in private if both





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# From Bleak House to Cromwell Street

re the children of Gloucestershire cursed? There were times during the West trial when such extreme language seemed apt. The county social services department commissioned a study of the number and whereabouts of children in its care. Why? Because runaways from children's homes had provided 25 Cromwell Street with all too many of its young visitors. An early draft of the report was leaked yesterday, disclosing a dark and extraordinary well of official ignorance into which a number of children seemed to have fallen. Some children in the authority's care have just gone missing and it is unclear at this stage whether the council kept the police fully informed. Worse, portions of the authority's own care records seem to have gone AWOL.

Of course, Gloucestershire may be a freak. Errors may have crept into the assessment. It could yet be that the entire phenomenon is a product of missing information rather than missing children. Ās social services directors were naturally keen to point out, it is too early to try to extrapolate the Gloucestershire findings to other social services departments. It must remain speculation whether significant numbers of children are missing - all the more reason why a better national database for the missing and fuller co-operation between the social agencies and police are urgently needed.

Yet the Gloucestershire report would be so

much easier to qualify or hold at a distance if we could be more confident of social services management. The Audit Commission has recently started to team up with the Department of Health's own social services inspectors; their co-operation gives some hope of better future management. Yet this latest report comes hard on the heels of the Neave case and its disclosure of how a child - a child well known to Cambridgeshire social workers and care assistants, a child logged many times by the system-could still "disappear". Before that was the Clwyd case, in which we are proud to have played some role in disclosure. There, children disappeared into an archipelago of council-run homes where abuse went unchecked. The circumstances of each of these cases were different, but they had a common thread in the failures of social services' information about vulnerable people.

We should not panic. "Community care" is the fashion of the day, but real communities are all too ready to slough off their share of the social burden to officialdom - to local authorities and volunteers, paying not the slightest attention to their training, pay, mission or management. Social workers are regularly vilified yet are still expected to behave with professional dedication.

These cases raise questions not about struggling professionals but about the basics of child care. Not for the first time since the Seebohm



reforms of the early Seventies, it needs to be asked whether social services are working effectively when, bureaucratically speaking, children keep getting lost. We count ourselves friends of the principle of local self-government, but are counties and districts really the best machines to deliver care and protection to vulnerable children? Local government is about diversity yet each child has an equal entitlement to care and support.

But contemplating the possible fate of some of these missing Gloucestershire children, dismay grows and with it a churning resentment at some of the hypocrisies of our age. Politicians and some newspapers are mounting the beginnings of an American-style campaign against abortion and defending the rights of the unborn. At the same time, they are yelling against "bureaucrats", care workers and child tearaways. What of the rights of the born, of discarded children who are beaten or neglected, or indeed demonised, by those same comfortable moralisers? The unruly pupils of Manton and The Ridings are individually pilloried - no trial, no due process, no rights. Adult disapproval presses down on them. And, beyond the reach of journalism or cameras, other forgotten children merely "go missing".

Much fine rhetoric has been spent recently on defence of family values. Fine - we agree. But too often it has been a one-sided whitewash that ignores the cruelty, neglect and sheer incompetence of many parents and the resulting hell that "family life" then becomes, The agencies created to pick up the pieces of family dysfunction are then condemned as if they were responsible. Genuine efforts to measure and chart physical and mental abuse of children are laughed at as exaggerations, Newspaper columnists paint idyllic pictures of families, innocent of fact and figure. Too much commentary refuses to confront the daily dilemma of those we ask to provide social services - as if families operated according to some computer program which rings a bell when an error of upbringing is committed.

Social services directors have a right to

demand fair criticism, untainted by passing media hysteria. But they have obligations, too - like keeping immaculate records of referrais and cases (did Gloucestershire never hear of information technology?), and like ensuring that they liaise, regularly and intimately, with police over those children who have, for one reason or another, escaped the net of care they are supposed to provide. There has been too much generalised outrage at acts of crime and too little careful thought about the cost of providing better care and closer knowledge of those lost children, pushed from homes and passed casually into the wardship of disregarded officialdom. There are parts of our country that Charles Dickens would recognise.

# ■ LETTERS TO THE EDITOR ■

# Reach out into an alienated society and find those missing voters

Sir: Further to Ian Burrell's valuable report "Britain's missing 2 million voters" (7 November) may I add that one reason why we have so many people missing is that our creaking system of electoral registration is half a century out of date? It has failed to keep up with increasing social mobility as people move around the country with their jobs or by getting on their bikes to look for jobs. We have become an increasingly rootless society with large pockets of unemployment, deprivation and alienation. We need a system that actively encourages people

expensive. First, we need a system of rolling registration. This is favoured by many electoral registration officers. With suitable safeguards, it allows people to register to vote where they live and when they live there. It is claimed that it might cost £4m to introduce. But what price democracy?

The Government spends very little on advertising to boost electoral registration. In the current year, they are only spending £685,000. Yet they are happy to spend many more

millions promoting privatisation.

Likewise the Government should recognise that electoral registration officers have become an

underfunded Cinderella service. They are absolutely professional and are doing their very best but within great constraints.

Many thousands of homeless people should be allowed to register where they reside, even if this is not the bricks and mortar most of us have. Access to voting and polling stations for disabled people should be increased. At the last election nearly 90 per cent of polling stations were inaccessible to disabled people.

From the Great Reform Act of 1832 to various acts of emancipation în 1867, 1884, 1918, 1928, 1948 and 1969, which gradually expanded the

franchise, governments of all hues have been forced to recognise the necessity of protecting and expanding the right to vote. In recent years, we have slipped. It is a disgrace which any decent government would remedy as an immediate priority. HARRY BARNES MP (Derbyshire North East, Lab) House of Commons London SWI

Sir: I read your report suggesting that Rock the Vote had "struggled to get young people to register to vote". Moments later I walked into my office to find 4,000 of our voter

### registration cards arriving through the post. A good day, maybe, but not untypical of the response we have been getting to the cards we are distributing. Our campaign at the moment is low-key and aimed at getting young people to register. This we are doing in thousands. The Ministry of Sound's campaign is not about registration, it is about

encouraging people to use their vote. This we will be doing much closer to

Half Caesareans

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Morriss-Kay (letters, 7 November) who lost her first child at birth, but I

suspect that this tragic stillbirth has

Kitzinger's article on how to avoid a

Caesarean section (CS) (Magazine, 2

polemic but an excellent summary of

the steps, backed by good research

The rate of CS was estimated by

the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to be 15 per cent in England in 1993, whilst in Scotland

In 1978, when the US rate of CS

rose to 15 per cent it was recognised that a public health problem existed and a task force was set up to examine

this. It took another 15 years before

the rate stopped rising, peaking at 24.8 per cent, and in 1994 it had fallen

to 23.6 per cent. The rate has risen

per cent now. I estimate that half

more slowly in the UK but is over 15

those operations are unnecessary and

many could be avoided by following the excellent advice given by Sheila

evidence, that women can take to

avoid an unnecessary operation.

and Wales the rates are higher.

coloured her reaction to Sheila

November). This was hardly a

the election campaign itself, when we believe it will be more effective. CHARLES STEWART-SMITH Executive Director, Rock the Vote

# LETTER from THE EDITOR

no piece carried in The \_ Independent under my editorship which will arouse as much anger as Richard D North's critical article yesterday on Ken Saro-Wiwa, the Nigerian dissident who was hanged a year ago. As I write, the phone calls and faxes have not started, but they will come.

Members of staff are upset about it, too. Not unnaturally: in the eyes of liberals, Saro-Wiwa is, along with Mandela and a few others, the nearest we have to a modern secular this paper has been critical of multinationals. He was championed by Greenpeace - and we have favourably reported much that Greenpeace do. He was clearly a brave man who died for his beliefs - and that compels respect.

He is, in so many ways, our kind of hero. To all this, I have only one answer - if The Independent ceases to be a place where serious, counter-intuitive and critical journalism can be heard, then as a newspaper, it becomes a pointless

happen? How did it come about. I mean, that we spent such a chunk of the week talking about Tony Blair's hair? It meaning. This comes, after got so bad, you may recall, all, in the week when Lubour that he had to issue a joke press release claiming that he was going bald to try to prospect of George Stephstifle arguments about anopoulos arriving in town - whether he had changed his a lesson for somebody? hairstyle to woo female voters.

That press release bore the fingerprints of Alastair Campbell, Blair's press officer, who never hear unnecessary was by turns outraged and helpless with laughter as the hair story took off. This week's story is, I suppose, the Labour quite right, too.
equivalent of the story a few In the end, whatever female years ago about John Major tucking his shirt into his underpants - I can't remember where that came from.

Hurtful stuff.

It must, I suppose, be a sign of decadence that newspaper space, including in The Independent, is devoted to a leader's scalp; it's the sort of thing you could imagine being discussed round the Forum in the latter days of Imperial Roman decline. But is it the

here has probably been decadence of journalism or of politics?

After all, it is the politicians and their advisers who pore over focus group findings, importing the fascinations of American image-shapers, who discuss voice-training, the details of tie-knots and hairstyles, trying to produce faces and bodies, as well as policies, that will attract particular

groups of target voters. In short, they started this, not us. I don't think Tony Blair is smarmy or insincere at all; but the more outside image-makers tell him and יפכעל look, the more the electorate

'You never hear unnecessary public debate about Peter Mandelson's wig or John Prescott's nipple-ring, and quite right, too'

So how did that other thing - who are, as Nigel Molesworth would have put it, no fule - will focus on outward tricks and the less on inner people have been hugging themselves with delight at the

> At any rate, enough of this trivia. Not everything personal in a politician's life needs public debate about Peter Mandelson's wig or John Prescott's nipple-ring, and

voters think, the hair business has probably won Blair a whole new tranche of support from trainee slapheads everywhere. Like Blair, I am only slightly thinning and couldn't care less. The hour or so spent upside down each day, vigorously rubbing Marmite and kerosene into my scalp is purely recreational.

Andrew Marr

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### to register for the vote. Solutions are not complex or

Ruinous addiction

to hi-tech arms

Europe's squaddies" 6 November) is right: we are indeed military "hardware addicts on a wild spending spree". And further ahead there is no end to the spree.

It will go on after the multi-billion Eurofighter and the Tomahawk ssiles (which weren't so good in S:ptember against Iraq), and all the grows ever more vulnerable to the electronic warfare gear that we and others are so enthusiastically developing against it. Here are today's arms races: one firm's weaponry against other firms' weaponry.

There is the expansion of Nato that

the Government supports, even the immediate cost of which neither HMG nor Nato have yet estimated. The Americans expect the Europeans to pay perhaps 80 per cent. This would be in the hundreds of billions range according to US estimates. The longer term cost of reacting to Russia's

reaction is ignored. Then there is the whole Ballistic Missile Defence boondoggle, which HMG is sitting on three confidential reports about. Although useless ummarked vans are far better launchers than ballistic missiles for weapons of mass destruction - this would cost more tens of billions - and put as under automated, computerdriven (therefore vulnerable), spacebased, US command, to engage in what is called "pre-emptive counter-

Lib Dems fight

Murdoch hegemony

Sin Polly Toynbee (article, 4 November) and Angela Eagle (letter,

6 November) have drawn attention to

the importance of a single digital set-

top box. At the Commons committee

stage of the recent Broadcasting Bill, Robert Maclennan and Roger Gale

tabled an amendment intended to

ensure that all digital set-top boxes

would be compatible. The Minister

stage with proposals to bring about a

At the report stage the Government, Labour and the Liberal

Democrats all tabled amendments to

allow the public to purchase a single set-top box. The Liberal Democrat

market dominance might be achieved before a common standard was

agreed. BSkyB now looks set to attain

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em. Wiles at the heart of both the Government's and Labour's

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# How long before a plane crashes on London? | Thoughtless invasion

Sir. I must thank Christian Wolmar ("How safe is your plane?", 4 November). The world's civil aviation industry must wonder at their luck in that no flight on take-off or landing has crashed disastrously on to a built-

WILLIAM TERRELL, London SW1

proliferation". The United States

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(Lord Kennet) ELIZABETH YOUNG

military seems to be hoping for a kind

It looks as if Mr Clarke has given

several blank cheques to Mr Portillo,

to be presented to the taxpayer only

up area. Flight 800 and the Peruvian plane landed in the sea, the 1972 Staines crash was in open land and reservoirs and an American jet not long ago took office-bound and landed in a

One day a large aircraft will break up in mid-air and land on a conurbation, or will crash land on to it, and the chances are that it will be London, given the absurd location of Heathrow. Our prevailing winds are from the south-west, which means that the landing approach is over the London conurbation, often over the city itself. (I have been on a KLM flight when the pilot deliberately banked over Westminster to afford a night time aerial view for those of us on the

starboard side). When not from that direction, our winds come mostly from the east hence the layout of Heathrow's two main runways. On easterlies, as when the wind is light, the 747s lumber up into the air over my house or over Brentford. I often speculate on the

point at which the results of a catastrophic break-up would be carried by their own momentum beyond my house.

Sir: In this season of returning things to Scotland, it might also be appropriate to dispatch there the statue

Sir: It would be wonderful to think

that we could solve this country's

social problems by robbing Peter

defence budget to throw money at

However, a national defence

regenerate must not be thrown

conrage to raise taxes to pay for

the social upkeep of the nation.

There seems to be an

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capability that has taken years to develop and would take decades to

to pay Paul and raiding the

social programmes, as Polly

Toynbee suggests.

in Whitehall of Field Marshal Haig. No Scotsman can have slaughtered more Englishmen.

It will only stop once the worst has happened. Terminal 5 will, of course, bring that day nearer. CHSTANDFIELD London W7

Sir: Last week a parliamentary Select Committee examined air traffic control and received yet further evidence about the risks of routing aircraft over London and other The committee received a copy of

the initial report of the US White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security which demonstrated that TWA800 had awoken the USA to the subject. The dreadful reality is that nobody is taking personal or corporate responsibility for the public safety consequences of increasing air traffic over London. It is simply not in anyone's interest to do so because the risks and liabilities are too great. The UK urgently needs a Commission on Aviation Safety and Security too. GORDÓN GLASS Director 2020 Vision Ltd

# of our woodlands

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Sir: If indeed woodland is owned by the Forestry Commission, limited public access to land held in the public's name seems reasonable (letter, 4 November). However, many woodlands are not so owned: they are held on long leases from the real owners often on tiny rents

(eg 10p per acre per year). Often outsiders have been given shooting rights over these woods with no reference to the actual owners, and members of the public have brought their dogs, radios, motorbikes, guns, poachers, litter and horses to what might have been otherwise privately cultivated.

The long-term side-effects of commercial afforestation are severe; the acidification of soils and springs affects flora and fauna. Most of us want to return this land to its natural state of mixed deciduous woods with heathland stretches, to conserve it for generations to come.

The "right to roam" is a very questionable notion proffered by those who refuse to recognise some basic facts - that land is not primarily for the occasional recreation of casual users who have no responsibility for its care and upkeep. LGREGORY Norwich

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### Kitzinger. WENDY SAVAGE FRCOG War? A conflict involving the large-scale use of fighter jets, London N1 main battle tanks and battle helicopters, the three types of

windfall tax become more and more bizarre. You report (7 November) that "the Clinton administration has approached Tony Blair's office to express concern about a windfall tax being imposed on US utilities that nave acquired British regional electricity companies in the last 18 months". This is untrue. You also report that "President Clinton is thought to have raised the matter with Mr Blair when the Labour leader visited Washington earlier this

In addition, whatever wishful thinking you or Powergen want to indulge in, my letter in Tuesday's

Sir: The essential ingredient missing from your report on guilt, pleasure and health (7 November) is an indication of who really paid for the research. Associates for Research into the Science of Enjoyment (Arise) are funded by booze, cigarette and chocolate manufacturers. I am sure that the scientific integrity of their study was in no way compromised by this connection, but I do notice that your report is rounded off with a claim from Arise's spokesperson on the stress-reducing properties of booze, cigarettes and chocolate. ROBERT EAGLE

## Windfall squalls

Sir: Your reports on Labour and the year". This is untrue as well.

Independent changes Labour's position not one jot. ALASTAIR CAMPBELL Press Secretary to Tony Blair House of Commons London SW1

### Doesn't arise

## QUOTE UNQUOTE

It's pointless talking to drunks because you're not talking to a human being, you're talking to a bloody bottle - Sir James (Jimmy) Savile Even at my dizzy height of popularity, I knew that the clock would strike 12 and I'd be seen for what I was; unworthy, unattractive, unaccomplished - The Duchess of York to 'Hello!' magazine It's the spiral of life. You do have to know a bit about science.

Life is a spiral - like the hair on a baby's head or in the galaxies -Vanessa Redgrave, actress, describing one of her doodles which was up for auction at Sotheby's

Got to be off. Pity we have got no time for rumpy-pumpy - Lord Healey. Labour peer, ending an interview he gave to a woman reporter. My problem is not changing my hair. It's keeping it - Tony Blair He smiles too much, he talks too much, his eyes are glassy, his dentistry is chaotic - Germaine Greer on Tom Blair

I failed the driving test the first time. I wore a shorter skirt the second time - Rory Bremner

I've known Nick for years. But when I am in Waitrose, I cannot hold my head up as a Chelsea Conservative. I fear he has to go female member of the Kensington and Chelsea Conservative Association, which has refused to endorse its MP, Sir Nicholas Scott I hope it will be out in time for the abolition - John Wells. who is writing a book on the history of the House of Lords

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reluctance to take a strong stand on this issue. The Liberal Democrats will continue to press for a common Lord McNALLY Lord THOMSON OF MONIFIETH Liberal Democrat Broadcasting

# Between faith and fanaticism

Beheadings, amputations, women as subservient citizens ... these are the manifestations of Islam today. But, asks Robert Fisk, who are we in the irreligious west to judge?

he said. My title reflected a cer-tain amount of irritation. I had spent so many weeks over the past few years cataloguing scores of "Islamic" punishments in the Arab Gulf, of head choppings and amputations and lashings of young women as well as men - that I had wanted to call the programme "God the Most Merciful?" It was the question mark that bothered the BBC, of course. Buckley - a man of infinite politeness and Job-like patience – had told the Radio Times that he would have a new title by the time our train arrived for our appointment with Tareef Khalidi; the magazine's deadline

I told Buckley we should ask Khalidi if he thought my title so insulting. And when we arrived at his home, opposite King's College Chapel, Khalidi, a good-natured bear of a man whose historical scholarship is legendary among his students can I do that, Roberto?" he asked, arms raised above his head. "I've only just arrived what we called our programme.

debate and, after more than 20 years in the Middle East, nursed never been able to shake off the not insists - on a second-class role for women, that its God permits the harshest of punishments, that the Islamic world never experienced a humanist modern liberal world that we like to think of as "the West".

Having watched the West's iniquities - and its dangerou warlike technology - visited upon Muslims of a dozen countries, I could well understand why they should fear or hate us. But I have no reason to fear or hate them. On the battlefields of the Levant and the Gulf, Muslims have several times saved my life. So why did I feel so unhappy about making this programme

Tareef was quite frank about

disregarded its own heritage and history, so that a great deal of the heritage of Islamic in Beirut, gave a grimace of dis-pleasure. Well, I said, think of a new title for us, Tareef. "How practitioners of the religion. The modern lawyers don't know their history. And hence you have these brutal punishhere from Lebanon - I'm ments, summarily issued, which between two worlds." And lead to the burning of books, "Between Two Worlds" was verdicts of unbelief, the cutting off of hands in public ... I I had not been keen on the think at the base of it are nerproject. I dislike theological vous modern governments

modate conservative and ignorant religious figures in order to pre-empt the fanatics. And it's a very sad state of affairs for a

It surprised me how often Muslims were prepared to criticise the way in which their religion was practised. Not Islam itself, of course, but the accretions that have been added to it, and the perverse logic that has caused, for instance, a Cairo court to order an Egyptian professor and his wife to divorce on the grounds that his academic work on the Koran proves him to be an apostate. Heba Ezzaat, an Islamist writer and university teacher in Cairo, spoke bitterly of "the Kingdom of Silence" -Saudi Arabia - while accepting that both Muslims and Christ-

Crusades. "This is a history that you can't just throw out of the window," she said. "Blood was shed. Through the centuries, both sides ... started making our own myths regarding the enemy

... people just don't forget." Asking Muslims about their belief produced an odd effect on me. I would not hesitate to refer to them as Muslims. But I tried not to refer to "us" as Christians. When I referred to "our" fear of Islam or what "we" thought of the role of women in the Middle East, I referred to "the West" rather than to Christians. And although Kamal Abu Maged, an Islamist Egyptian lawyer, insisted that westerners still retained their faith in God, I understood the reason for my reticence. We self-doubting westerners, with our liberal conians were responsible for the sciences and our superb technology, do not have faith in God

in the way that Muslims have. As Heba Ezzaat put it with near contempt when I angered her with my remarks about women: Christianity is not in the centre of your belief system any more."

talked to Professor Nasr Abu Zeid, the Egyptian professor who, fearing for his life, fled Cairo after he was judged an apostate. Not wanting to give his address over the phone, we met in a café at a Dutch railway station. "In the plane, I was very angry," he said. "I told my wife: If I die in any place – in Holland, in Spain - just bury my body where I die Don't think about taking my body back to Egypt ... Don't do this to yourself or to me. At the end, all the lands are the earth of God!" Abu Maged - whom I interrupted when he tried to make a sly parallel

between Abu Zeid and Salman Rushdie - supported the court's ruling. "You get the impression that this man does not believe in the Koran and is attacking and questioning the authenticity of the Koran," he said. "The issue is not criticism of the Koran. It is the reverting from Islam to

It seemed to me - and it still seems to me - that the emphasis on a woman's need to have less responsibility in outside life leads to the need to "protect" women and thus, by extension, to their secondary role in society. Who was I to make such objections. I was repeatedly asked, when I come from a society that allows women to toil in the frozen streets of Moscow, or undress for men in Manhattan strip joints? And why. Heba Ezzaat asked me, should I trumpet the worth of western techare talking to me about the death of God, the death of man

about the unequal distribution of wealth in the world," shesaid indignantly above the roar of Cairo's traffic. Muslims had not kept their scientific discoveries secret in the 9th century. So why does the West prevent the Third World from learning the secrets of its technology today?

It was a Christian, Kamal Institute of Inter-Faith Studies torian - who most vividly evoked the sense of betrayal felt by Muslims towards the West. The Egyptian and Ottohad tried to be like European he said. They were trying to introduce western education. even to learn western music

played Mozart and tried to paint. "They thought, 'perhaps if we do so, they [the Europeans] will become our friends'. Instead of that, they became more and more their § was trying to be European pressed him. The Ottomans, while they were trying to become like Europeans, were called the 'sick man of Europe' by the Europeans who began to make plans for the partition of their territory. And once they had succeeded in destroying the Ottoman empire, they never were happy to see any possi-bility of the re-emergence of a really orderly and progressive state in the area.

I was not encouraged by the Towards the end of our conversation, I asked Khalidi, who lives in Beirut, how he could feel at home in the liberal, per-haps even Christian city of Cambridge, with King's College Chapel towering over his front window? Take a look at those two nearest spires to us," he said. "What do they remind you of?" Minarets, I said. "Yes, exactly, Roberto, Exactly ..."

The belief in God was a constant. So was belief in the afterlife. And if Khalidi felt that paradise might resemble our "Christian" version of the place angels playing harps to bored? men in white robes - Egyptians and Lebanese all expressed their faith in life after death, a prior appointment on Judgement Day but an eternal life in which the Koran's promise of rivers of honey and virgins should be seen only as metaphors. Only Salibi, the Christian, sounded bleaker. "The end is the end." he said. And of course, this is what "we" fear most.

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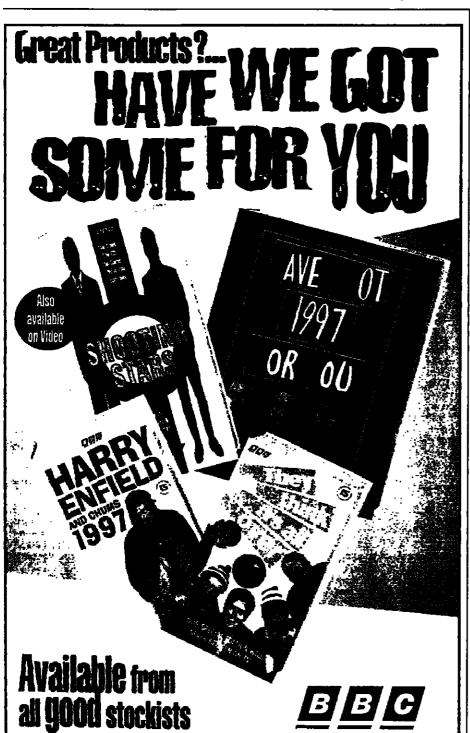
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# jo brand's week

It's strange touring the country because you begin to realise that people in different towns are very different in terms of their response. I normally kick the show off and introduce the first act by saying that I am doing a short tour, trying out new material and therefore have asked the tour promoter to book me into some real cack-boles so it doesn't matter if I die a death. An uproarious reaction to this statement normally presages a good lively show.

A good example was Scunthorpe, the other night. Cheers and cackles greeted the aforementioned line and I discovered an audience who were tipsy and enthusiastic. There was plenty of good-natured heckling and banter and people really seemed to enjoy themselves. The venue itself was aged, but the atmosphere was warm.

Huddersfield, a night later, was the opposite. The venue was a new, smart heatre, and for some moments I found myself thinking that the audience had come to see me in the mistaken belief that I was Joe Brown, the Fifties rocker. I'm sure everyone in Huddersfield isn't like this ... probably caught them on a bad night.

A good example of the painful way in which women indulge in the political arena popped up in former Yugoslavia, in the debate, if one can call it that, between Dana, the wife of Slobodan Milosevic, and Mira, wife of Vuk Drasovic, opposition leader. Dana described Mira as "the bastard fruit of wild orgies in the forest", following a comment by Mira that she had the habits of a bandit and cattle

rustler. The words "mongoloid epileptic" were also bandied around. This does a disservice to women everywhere. Admittedly, it's a refreshing change to "The honourable gentleman, blah, blah," but ultimately it just reinforces in the male mind the idea that women are a bunch of silly, emotional creatures. I just want to point out that lots of us aren't, with the

The Plain English Commission has awarded the Golden Rhubarb Trophy to Virginia Bottomley, who in her job at Heritage has produced a stunningly inaccessible document with such gems as "deemed to vitiate any proceedings and anywise notwithstanding". John Major, who talks like a minor Dickens character on acid, was a runner-up.

exception of the hairdressing brigade.

Perhaps this obscuring of the bare facts has something to do with an attempt to prevent Joe Public having any idea what is going on. On the other band, it could just be civil servants who went to Oxford or Cambridge showing off. Anywise nothwithstanding, I think it's the latter.

Surely it was only a matter of time before Fergie did an advert. We all know she's skint and adverts are a sure way of making a packet very quickly. George Orwell said that advertising was like the rattling of a stick inside a swill bucket, and I can't help but agree with him. It seems that advertisers will do almost anything to sell their products. If they could get the Queen to do Otex carwax treatment, or the Pope to do flavoured

condoms, they would. Fergie is doing an ad for Olympus cameras after their negotiations with Naomi Campbell fell through, doubtless because our Naomi was asking for the GNP of Peru. One wonders whether it was an Olympus that canght Fergie in flagrante, toewise, in the first place. Wasu't that when all the trouble started?

At long last, a bit of good news for shortarses, among whose company I number myself. According to some recent research, it seems that we live longer lives in our short little bodies than the lanky ones do. Hopefully, this will make up for years of looking at the back of peoples' heads, looking ridiculous trying to climb over fences, and wearing jeans that have been folded over several times at the bottom, giving short people the appearance of dwarf country and western singers. Small women don't have such a problem as small men, many of whom seem dead unhappy with the fact that they cannot stand

head and shoulders above us women and feel superior by being able to point out features on the horizon out of our sight. Hence the small man syndrome, resulting in a compensatory blustering drive for some sort of prize. Well, little guy console yourselves with the thought that a lot of long coffins will be passing you by before you get to kick

Do these fashionable social debates that pop up in the press really achieve anything? One week it's stalkers, the next it's badly behaved children. This week, on the heels of Gazza's appalling behaviour, it's beating your wife. Why do these blokes do it, how often do they do it, how can we stop them, and do the women that put up with it have some fatal incurable emotional flaw? Or is it their fault? Theories abound, all tainted with the political and social stance of the newspaper or magazine. in question, from your Sun full-pagecolour-spectacular wife-beating special to your Times more-seriousbut-equally-judgmental approach. Is it just descriptive and page-filling, or prescriptive and genuinely meant? It's just that not much seems to bear changing. Everyone panders to that readers' prejudices and then moves on to the next topic of the day. Perhaps Princess Diana summed it up most eloquently in her Panoruma interview when she referred to "battered this and battered that". As Elvis Costello said, "Yesterday's newsis tomorrow's fish and chip paper.". . . . Next subject, please.



# warts and all

Ms Jones wants half a million quid for the trauma of seeing Billy's willy



That has Bill Clinton got that Tony Blair basn't? To use the three reasons why women like Bill (as adumbrated in this paper yesterday by my colleague Suzanne Moore): politics, empathy and marriage to a strong woman. Tone surely qualifies on numbers one and three. So it is Bill's empathy that explains his credit in the gen-

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Chambers' 21st Century Dictionary defines empathy as "the ability to share, understand and feel another person's feelings". And in Bill Clinton's case, the desire to share is almost palpable. But according to a young woman called Paula Jones, it is not only feelings that the President likes to share. Ms Jones's lawsuit against the President for proactive empathy is likely to be heard in court now that the election is over.

Hers is a strange tale. A receptionist at the Excelsion Hotel in Little Rock, Arkansas, she was called to the then Governor's bedroom by a state trooper. Ms Jones decided that Bill probably wanted to discuss her career (perhaps the telephonist at the Statehouse had just retired, and Paula was aware of the vacancy), so up she climbed, and in she

Once inside, she says, was loosening his tie. He told me, 'You have nice curves; I love the way your hair goes down your body.' Things quickly went from

bad to worse. Governor Clinton (whose "face was just red, beet red") approached the sofa on which she was sitting and "as he sat down, he lowered his trousers and underwear". This is, I would imagine, an undignified and uncomfortable posture in which it must be quite easy to fall over, but which is by no means

physically impossible. But then Ms Jones lands the killer blow, the one that may well stand up in court. There were," she reveals, distinguishing characteristics in Clinton's genital area." Not, of course, that she stopped to look, because understandably - she jumped up and left the room. And although the White House contests these claims with the utmost vigour, the Daily Telegraph correspondent Stephen Robinson wrote that "somehow her account rings true, in all its salacious detail".

Well, perhaps. Ms Jones has filed an affidavit in which she has described those "distinguishing charac-teristics" in Clinton's genital area which she noticed. She is not prepared to reveal what these were until the case comes to court, when the description may help her to get the half a million quid damages she is claiming for the trauma of seeing Bill's

But we can speculate. Now, all of us men hope that we have distinguishing characteristics in our genital areas (in fact, most of us hope that we have the same one). We would not like to think that we are completely indistinguishable genitally from our partners' former boyfriends, brothers and fathers. We would have to admit, however, that most such distinguishing features would not be visible on cursory inspection - that a degree of familiarity would be required.

So what was it that the startled Paula noticed in the nanosecond between the dropped shorts and the flight for the door? What so burned itself into her retina. and impressed itself into her mind? A mole will not do. Could it be immense size? uscule length? An extraordinary bend to the left, or a remarkable bias to the right? Was it a luminous green, with mauve hangings? Or was it - as my friend John speculates - tattooed with the words "it's the economy,

stupid"?
Well, pretty soon Paula will tell us. And we can expect calls for transparency and disclosure on the part of the President. A Senate committee may examine Mr Clinton in private and find either for or against him. Hillary will go on a chatshow and quibble with Paula's description. "I'm sorry, but those just aren't

Meanwhile, Mr Stephanopoulos, Clinton's whiz election work, is expected any day, ready to advise Tony about how to show empathy to women. Show it, Tone, but just make sure it doesn't have any distinguishing features.

the genitals I married,

# Dear Cathy – we're still out in the cold

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by Jeremy Sandford Thiny years ago, the TV film 'Cathy Come Home' revealed to a shocked nation the extent of Britain's housing crisis. Immediate action was pledged;

How much has changed since? The author, who researched and wrote the film, reflects on the continued presence of forced evictions, homelessness and housing jumine – what Cathy achieved, and what it didn't

feel jubilation," one homeless father cried out to me as he entered the gothic portals of the ancient workhouse to rejoin his family.

One of the most important changes achieved by Cathy Come Home was that hundreds of husbands were allowed to join wives and children from whom they had been separated in hostels for the homeless.

This, it can be safely claimed, was a direct result of the film and the campaigning done by myself and Ken Loach, the film's director.

This separation of husbands was an appalling custom which split up families at a traumatic time when they most needed each other's support. In at least one hostel, men had been sent to prison for climbing in to be with their loved ones.

Birmingham allowed hundreds of men to rejoin their families in time for Christmas. Other hostels followed suit, so that throughout Britain, these tragic forced separations were brought to an end.

There were other changes Many hostels at that time turned mothers and children out into the streets between 2pm and 5pm to "get some fresh air" and "find themselves accommodation", even when it was raining. Many hostels operated a curfew, sometimes as early as 8pm. Mothers who got back late were penalised with the threat of eviction. That cruel rule was also abolished as

a result of Cathy. This happened very dra-natically in Birmingham, where, half-way through a large public meeting about their plight, all the homeless families got up to leave to be back in their hostels in time for the curfew. The council official responsible got a round of applause when he rescinded the curfew on the spot. Again, other hostels throughout the

country followed suit. Conditions at Newington Lodge in Southwark, which was a sorting place for homeless families in the old LCC area. and the first hostel I visited, were heartbreaking.

It was a vast and austere Victorian workhouse in which up to three or four families were crammed into each room. There was a feeling of utter hopelessness. Feeding was communal and there was endemic

dysentery from which children were dying.

Mothers, at their wits' end, kept their children away from the dining room, hoping that

ing the disease. But they had to

pay quite a large rent for being here and couldn't afford to rated from their parents in this way dropped from thousands a

year to hundreds.

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after seeing the film.

Cathy brought an end to

that. A government circular urged local authorities not to

separate children from their

parents for reasons of home-

lessness; parents and children

must whenever possible be kept

together. Within a year or so,

the number of children sepa-

ing room, with sometimes fatal When Cathy was first shown, there were 12,500 people, results. Little coffins were often including children, in emerseen leaving Newington Lodge ency accommodation for the Some mothers, as I showed homeless. Thirty years later, in in Cathy, did a runner, tried to June this year, the equivalent figure was 100,000 - a tenfold hide somewhere and fought to keep their children when evicincrease. (Of these, 12,000 peotion came. "My children were ple were in bed and breakfast establishments, at a cost of a tom from my arms, just like you showed," wrote one mother million pounds a week, or £33

per head per night). Immediately after Cathy, there was a Labour pledge to see that building would be increased to 500,000 new homes a year. In the following period, 200,000 council homes were built yearly. We did, just once, pass the 500,000 figure. Then came the great housing

cutback, initiated by Labour and continued by the Tories. Last year, only 812 council So now for the bad news. dwellings were built; to which should be added 31,000 housing association dwellings.

> mortgage repossession evictions
> - 1.000 each week, or 20 each working day. Last year, 125,000 housebolds were officially accepted as homeless by councils in Eng-

Last year, there were 50,000

land - part of well over a million households accepted as officially homeless over the last decade. These figures do not include single homeless people, among them the sort that Cathy

became when, deprived of husband and children, she was no longer allowed to remain at the hostel for the homeless. At that time, it was rare to

ily. Of an evening, amid a sea of beds and boxes and suitcases containing the families' pos-sessions, Dad may typically be watching the telly. Mum cook-ing up to the party of the cooking up tea on an illegal electric ring, baby crawling around creating havoe and daughter trying to do her homework.

Oblivious to all this, the Government has come up with a housing act which will weaken even further the duty of local authorities to provide emergency accommodation, or provide permanent homes for homeless people. The act also makes it easier for landlords to evict tenants with rent arrears.

Those who aspire to ideas beyond their status, such as a home where they can live secure with their children peacefully, are still reminded that they should not be too optimistic or cocky.

Extraordinary though it may seem, the housing famine appears to me to have been arti-ficially created. The thinking might be that people who are homeless or in fear of eviction will be reminded of who is boss and be less likely to take to the streets in protest. In a time of great bonanza.

with the mega-sale of oncefor-all assets - oil and nationalised industries - a government that for year after year can acquiesce in the homelessness of so large a proportion of its population must surely be reckoned unfit to govern.

There is, it seems to me, a case to be answered. Could we not return to the idealism of the post-war years (another time of housing famine), when scores of thousands of returning soldiers and their families took the law into their own hands and occupied empty property, especially the camps made redundant by a shrinking army?

There are not far short of a million empty homes, many kept void by army or government denartments. Have we as a nation lost all memory of that idealism and ability to do what is right, even if it does mean trampling down bureaucratic ing some of the sinking bogs of red tape? Are the ordinary folk - you and me - too cowed these days to do it? There is far more empty property than there are homeless people. Britain and its resources belong to all of us, not

just to police or government. We have not been overrun by an overweening, impertment, authoritarian, hostile power who have planted themselves in our town halls and seats of government, even if it sometimes feels like it.



In a time of great bonanza, a government that can acquiesce in the homelessness of so large a part of its population must be reckoned unfit to govern'

# Lucre made the spires what they are

the home of lost causes, seems bent on becoming the home of nst donations.

The don's parliament, Congregaprincely and historic gift of £20m to build a world-class business school right in the middle of Oxford. The dons that did not turn up to bark will soon have the chance to overturn this daft decision by a postal vote. They should reject the arguments put forward - often in high-minded prose, but too often based on malicious motive - because there are three reasons why the dons' decision is wrong.

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First, because of the historic shortsightedness of their view, which is prejudiced against rich-merchant adventurers, and in particular if they are foreign. Oxford would not be like it is if buccancering and free-spirited businessmen operating abroad had not prospered, and then decided to put a good slice of their prosperity into the university.

Ponder Cecil Rhodes and all that African money. This treasure-house architecture and powerhouse of secutific and intellectual endeavour simply would not exist if it had not been for the help of people like Mr Said, stretching back through the centuries to the high Middle Ages.

Yet there is among a small but influential minority in the university the perfectly disgusting view that money generously offered is tainted by the



In refusing 'tainted money' for a business school, Oxford's dons are ignoring their own long tradition and acting out of malice, argues John Patten

origin of the hand that offers it. Photographs of the scene outside Congregation during the debate were sadly typical of modern Oxford -undergraduates holding banners with such thoughtful messages as "we don't want your bloody money". These stu-dent manifestations, and those of some of their donnish elders, would he quaint if they were not so damagmg to one of Britain's greatest institutions. The opposition to Mr Said's gift seems largely based on wild accu-sations of tainted money, for which there is absolutely no foundation. and is linked to the fact that Mr Said is a friend of Lady Thatcher.

I am convinced that much, although not all, of the arguments against this donation emanated from a bunch of intellectual and political pygmies who are afraid to come out for fear of demonstrating that they are deeply prejudiced - just the sort of political incorrectness that they are endlessly trying to root out in other people. This xenophobia among those who prattle on about the importance of a "plural society" is unforgivable.

Just imagine if on this very site Bill Gates of Microsoft had offered £20m to build a business school. The donnish world would have been falling over itself to applaud such a magnif-icent WASP benefaction.

Second, what about the site? Open green space is important in Oxford, and the river valleys provide vital green lungs right in the heart of the city. This business school would cer-

tainly make central Oxford even more crowded, with buildings of all sorts, shapes, sizes and antiquity hug-amugger with each other.
But the university has flourished

precisely because of that crowding, with dons in their departments, or in the senior common rooms of their colleges, rubbing intellectual sparks off each other as they meet there or in the streets and lanes of the city centre. Its very crowded nature is part of the dynamic that has driven Oxford on through the centuries.

Third, if Oxford donnery in its postal vote really does reject this benefaction, or if the city council then decides to compound the injury by refusing to give it planning permission, then town and gown together will be making the classic "science park mistake".

What is this? Thirty years ago, Cambridge decided to have one, to the immense benefit of that university and its townfolk, revitalising the real economy of the area just as it stimulated scientific Cambridge. Oxford missed out. What this business school would do is have exactly the same multiplier effect on Oxford. not just on the intellectual life of the university, but by creating the extraordinary range of jobs and activities that will flow from it, preventing the city from sliding more into a theme park with old buildings. The business of business should not

be recharged as vulgar. If we are going to be prosperous in the 21st century.

then we need to build, not reject, a culture of people prepared to participate in vigorous economic endeavours. If this project fails, and the university settles for second best - building a business school years later, out beyond the ring road - it will largely have lost its point. If it is slap bang in the middle of Oxford, then young men and women will daily walk past it, they will see that it is there, and by the virtue of it being there be encouraged to recognise it as part of their culture. That is why an integrated business school is so vital and its central location critical.

What about those almost incessantly approached by colleges and the university to make donations? It is a myth that it is "vulgar big businesses" that always give all the donations to a university like Oxford. Great sums of money are raised continually by approaching individuals who give their standing order for so many pounds a month, or an occasional hard-earned gift of £500. How will they feel if the university slaps this gift full in the face? Many will think that if they do not want £20m, they cannot want my £500.

A lot will also conclude that there is something very rotten in the heart of Oxford. And that it was not Mr Said's business school.

John Patten, MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, was once both a Fellow of an Oxford college, and Education

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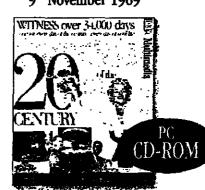
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# Bootle to replace Minford on 'wise person' panel

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

The Chancellor of the Exchequer has reshuffled his panel of wise persons", replacing the most controversial of his six advisers with a prominent City economist.

Professor Patrick Minford, an outspoken Liverpool University professor, will be replaced when his appointment expires at the end of the year by Roger Boosor at Manchester Business

Professor Minford, a committed Thatcherite, ruffled Treasury feathers earlier this year by accusing the Chancelor, Kenneth Clarke, of failing to understand the economy and of jeopardising the Conservatives' re-election chances. He has recommended big cuts in interest rates and taxes,

He said: "Being on the panel has been frustrating, but I put my views across and I enjoyed He welcomed the choice of Mr Bootle, who said yesterday that he was most concerned at this juncture about the strength of the exchange rate.

There is a serious danger of a repetition of the traditional British policy error, which would be catastrophic for in-

range of views represented by the six wise persons - cynics suggest it can help to justify any policy. Mr Bootle agreed that although he and Professor Minford used very different intellectual frameworks, they had

many views in common. Both believe that interest rates can fall without the risk of higher inflation because labour market deregulation means un-

rise. The title of Mr Bootle's recently published book, The Death of Inflation, gives the flavour of his views very clearly. Both men are also Eurosceptics.

However, Mr Bootle disagrees with Professor Minford's call for a giveaway Budget. "I would argue for tax rises or big spending cuts," he said. That means all six of the Chancellor's

tle, chief economist at HSBC mutting him in a minority on the Markets and a visiting profesTreasury's Panel.

dustry," Mr Bootle said. The employment has not reached tough Budget. Two other pandrates the level where wages start to el members, Professor Timestry likes to have a wide Congdon of Lombard Street Research and Gavyn Davies of Goldman Sachs, had their appointments renewed for another year.

The remaining three - Kate Barker of the CBI, Bridget and Martin Weale of the National Institute of Economic and Social Research - have another two years to serve.



Patrick Minford: Ruffled Treasury feathers this year

VW star

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German prosecutors are expected to charge Volkswagen executive Jose Ignacio Lopez with industrial espionage later this month, a lawyer acting for the car chief confirmed yester-

Mr Lopez has been under in-

vestigation since 1993 after he

quit as head of purchasing at

General Motors to join Volkswagen, taking with him, Gen-

eral Motors alleges, commercial

secrets about new production

The charges, to be laid by the

Darmstadt prosecutors office, relate to allegations that Mr Lopez and three other former

General Motors executives took

with them secrets relating to a

new manufacturing concept

During the three-year cam-

paign General Motors has

waged against Mr Lopez and Volkswagen, it has alleged that

the information was used to

help build a new production

plant in Brazil. Volkswagen has

consistently denied the allega-

In a statement issued from his

Frankfurt office, Mr Lopez's

lawyer, Jürgen Taschke, said he

expected charges to be filed

against his client in November. The three other executives who

are expected to be charged -

Jose Gutierrez, Jorge Alvarez

and Roscario Piazza - left Gen-

eral Motor's German sub-

sidiary, Opel, at the same time

as Mr Lopez left to join Volk-

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known as Plant X.

**Michael Harrison** 

# **Electricity** companies attract third **US** predator

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Fresh turmoil gripped regional electricity companies yester-day as the third US predator to stalk the sector in the space of a fortnight was believed to be evaluating mounting a possible takeover bid.

The potential US power bidder was thought to be CMS Energy, which supplies electricity and gas to 1.5 million customers in Michigan. It had sales last year of \$3.9bn (£2.4bn) and made profits of \$603m (£365m). CMS Energy has been increasingly active in power projects outside the US and makes 20 per cent of its revenues abroad

Kelly Farr, a CMS spokesman, declined to comment. "It is company policy not to comment on rumours about our business activities," he said.

One suggestion was that CMS could pounce on Yorkshire Electricity, though the company is not believed to have had approaches from any potential suitors for five or six

The possibility was also raised that a rival bidder could be in the wings for East Midlands, which is facing a possible bid from Dominion Resources, a

Virginian utility company.

Dominion has said that it much more than 60Sp a share for East Midlands, valuing the Nottingham-based group at £1.2bn, though analysis have suggested a successful bidder would have to pay around 670p. Shares in the company edged up Ip to 593.5p.

The outcome of the Dominion board meeting is not expected to be known until the stock market reopens on Mon-

However fund managers doubted whether the UK Government would allow a £766m takeover bid for Northern Electric from US-owned CE Electric and any bid for East

Midlands to proceed. The uncertainty took its toll on Northern Electric's share price yesterday. Northern shares slumped 18p to 605.5p, which is 24.5p below CE Elec-tric's 630p offer price.

It enabled CE Electric to buy a further 2.7 million shares in the company and takes CE Electric's stake to 29.45 per cent, just short of the maximum stake of almost 30 per cent permitted at this stage in the bidding process under takeover

Big sellers of Northern shares over the past two days included Mercury Asset Manage-ment, which sold 1.19 million shares, representing almost its entire stake in the group, and Hill Samuel, which sold 564,000

David Sokol, the chairman of CE Electric's main shareholder, power generator CalEnergy of Nebraska, called on Northern's management to recommend the offer to shareholders.

"To prolong this takeover can only be damaging to share-holders' interests. Our intent towards Northern Electric has always been friendly and I hope that the Northern Electric board will recognise these marthe recommendation of our offers," he said.

Mr Sokol's comments were dismissed by Northern's advisers, who insisted the battle was far from over.

A disappointed David Morris, the Northern chairman, said he still believed the 630pa-share bid was too low and blamed the share price fall on the belief that the bid would be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.



# 80 rally to the call of a classic car race

John Willcock

A glittering array of more than 80 businessmen, lawyers, accountants, aristocrats and the odd prince is preparing for the 16,000-kilometre Peking to Paris classic car rally next year.

The epic will mark the 90th anniversary of the first such rally, which was won by Prince Borghese of Italy. This time around drivers in-

clude Christopher Dunkley from Lloyd's of London driving would not be prepared to pay ket realities and discuss with us | a 1935 Bentley 3.5 tourer, and John Stuttard, chairman of Coopers & Lybrand in China, in a 1934 Rolls-Royce. Aristocratic polish is added by

Lord Montagu, who is driving the oldest car in the rally, a 1914 Prince Henry Vauxhall. The royal contingent is led by Prince Idris Shah of Malaysia in a 1954 Studebaker Coupe.

The adventure has been organised by Phillip Young, who has helped put on previous Monte Carlo rallies, and his col-Market report, page 24 league. Peter Browning. Mr Local colour: A contestant in the 1907 car raily, won by Prince Borghese of Italy

Young has negotiated rights of lowed, and as John Goldsmith, way across 22 countries, including China, Nepal, Pakistan, Iran and Turkey.

The rally starts in September next year and lasts 45 days. Drivers pay a £25,000 entry fee and must carry all their own spares.

Mr Goldsmith's firm, Goldsmith and Young, restores Asbreak down in the middle of nowhere "you're on your own, mate". But the organisers will use one sweeper car at the back to make sure any broken down cars can be helped to the

ton Martins at its workshops in Wiltshire, and Mr Goldsmith himself is restoring a written-off Aston Martin DB6 "in order to win the race". The steep entry fee has

caused some problems. Sir

David Steel, the former Liberal leader, is looking for spon-sorship. The classic car rallying fanatic was originally going to China in his 1965 Rover, but he sold it, and will now probably go in his 1962 Riley. Genry Acher, head of audit at KPMG, is looking forward to

the rally with a mixture of excitement and trepidation. He's driving his own 1932 Aston Martin International, and with an engine capacity of just 1.5 litres, one of the smallest cars in the rally.

us up to 17,000 feet [in Nepal], along with all our spares and camping equipment. The variations in conditions are going to be terrific."

Mr Acher's only previous experience of this type of thing was a four-day Euro Classic Car Ral-ly, when his wife navigated. "She's very good at it. Both me and my co-driver, who's an expert mechanic, are useless at navigating, so it should be interesting.

internal target for profits before

This figure rose slightly last year to £16.7m, but was only

struck after a one-off gain of

£2.2m arising from a 10-year

publishing deal with VCI, the

video group that earlier this year

tried to buy Manchester Unit-

ed for about £300m. The spokesman said that United's

results came in above analysts'

Mr Edwards was criticised

transfer fees.

were to face criminal charges. Mr Lopez has been credited with helping return Volkswagen, Europe's biggest car-maker, to financial health after falling into losses in the early 1990s. As head of General Motor's worldwide purchasing operations, he has a fearsome reputation for cost-cutting. He brought his skills to Volkswagen, helping it to streamline production, improve working practices and re-

A spokesman for the Frankfurt prosecutors office, which is handling public statements conceruing the case, refused to comment on the statement from Mr Lopez's lawyer.

whether criminal charges were to be brought against Mr Lope, and the three other executive had earlier quoted Mr Lopez's lawyer as saying he expected the four would be charged with mis-

petition. If found guilty, Mr Lopez could face a maximum prison

# **A&L** rebel customers fight flat-rate payout

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Alliance & Leicester Building Society is facing a mounting campaign by rebel customers who object to the flat-rate payout it has proposed for its flotation next year.

Pat Mountain, 63, is a retired businessman who has been with A&L for 30 years, and he has set up an "Action Group" to win better compensation for "loyal long-term investors". The society caused a stir-

when it announced 10 days ago that it intends to give a flat-rate 250 shares (worth an estimated £1,000) to all members which is clearly being felt by who had a minimum balance many thousands of investors."

This is in contrast to other societies which are converting to warding bigger and more long-

term investors. A&L, requesting a face-to-face meeting to put his claims for better treatment. Mr Mountain said: "The Alliance & Leicester will have had a shock over the last few days about the extent of the deep anger which their move has provoked. They should take note of that protest

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The action group claims it has been inundated with calls. "But with 24 million investors we plc status, such as the Halifax. know we are only seeing the which have a sliding scale re- barest tip of the iceberg. Even so it is clear to us that an overwhelming majority of those in-Mr Mountain has written to vestors intend shutting down their accounts with A&L."

Mr Mountain said in one hour alone he took calls from people whose collective investment in the Society was nearly £2m. "This must surely be deeply worrying for A&L - and possibly even more so for the stock market authorities, who surely can't relish the appalling odour surrounding a company shortly to be floated on their Exchange."

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# Man Utd boss nets 39% pay rise

Patrick Tooher

The basic pay of Martin Edwards, Manchester United's chief ex-ecutive, soared by 39 per cent last year, despite the football club reporting a sharp drop in profits.

The company's latest report and accounts, just posted to shareholders, shows Mr Ed-wards received a base salary of £212,000 for the 12 months to July 1996, compared with £153,000 the previous year. It also reveals that Mr Edwards earned a £67,000 performance-related bonus, even though United's operating in-come actually fell to £14.2m from £15.6m due to lower gate receipts and weaker merchan-

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Martin Edwards: Scored a pay rise despite profits drop

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Mr Edwards is United's largest shareholder with a 17.2 per cent stake, entitling him to an annual dividend income of more than £550,000. He has also been the single biggest benefi-ciary of United's soaring share price. At last night's close his stake was worth almost £18m with the shares closing down 8.5p at 496.5p. A company spokesman said Mr Edwards' boaus had noth-

£321,000 from £290,000, an in-

ing to do with Manchester United winning the League and FA Cup double last season. Instead, the issue was decided by the club's remuneration committee, headed by United chair-

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last month after reportedly say-

ing he would only entertain bids for the club above £400m. That led to heavy buying of United's shares, forcing the club to issue

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Dresdner unveils plan for \$50bn asset group

Dresdner Bank has announced ambitious plans to create a \$50bn global asset managewrites John Willcock

The group will unite the institutional side of Kleinwort Benson Investment Management in London, Thornton Group in London and Hong Kong, and RCM in San Francisco. It will employ 900 people world-wide.

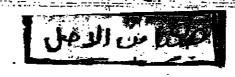
Dresdner, Germany's second-largest bank, bought Kleinwort for flbn last year and has already concentrated its cor-

porate finance and investment banking activities in London. The new group will be ment group for all its institu-tional funds outside Germany, Francisco, an institutional fund manager which Dresdner

bought last year. Simon Robertson, Klein-wort's chief executive, street that London would not the weakened by this move.

"This is a big move for us. It will create a truly global asset management business. We hope it will give KBIM, which has not enjoyed as much success as we would have liked in the past, a fillip."





Volkswagen said that Mr Lopez, a member of its management board, would remain with the company even if he

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whether a decision has already been taken to bring charges or to terminate proceedings." Hildegard Becker-Toussaint the office's spokeswoman, said. She said a decision would be made by the end of the year on

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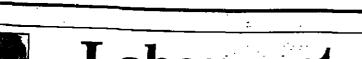
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# Labour gets itself in a pickle over utilities tax There's no such thing as a popular tax, even

when it happens to be one directed at the hated privatised utilities. Labour would do well to heed this ancient truism as it digs itself ever deeper into the mire over its wind-JEREMY WARNER

fall profits tax proposal. It could all end up backfiring.

But then we mustn't call it a tax, must we?

What is proposed, as Gordon Brown, the shadow Chancellor, constantly insists, is "a levy". We've had this shilly-shallying with the semantics of taxation once before; on that occasion it was Mrs Thatcher and her ministers who ridiculously continued to refer to something they called the community "charge" even as the hoi polloi were rioting on the streets over what everybody else

termed the poll tax.
In this case there is rather more justification for labelling it a levy, for unless Labour changes its mind again - and it has pirouetted on this so many times that there is no reason to believe it won't - this will be a one-off charge levied on a specific type of company, those that happen once to have been owned by the state.

It is perhaps the case that the discriminatory, arbitrary and essentially random nature of this tax justifies the term levy. All the same, most of us will continue to think of it as a tax and for that reason the Con-

difficulty as the election approaches, for this is the only revenue-raising proposal it has yet come up with. It will, as a consequence, form a cornerstone of Labour's first tax and spending Budget. Strip out the windfall profit tax and Labour will be hard-pressed

to deliver on promised spending. On this front, too, Kenneth Clarke may be on to a winner. On virtually every level you care to take, this is a tax hard to justify and hard to implement. The first rule of taxation is that it should be consistently applied in a non-discriminatory way. On this test, the proposal fails on every score, so much so that Labour's tax lawyers and financial advisers are still, years after the proposal was mooted wrestling with the legal difficulties of defin-

ing those the party wants to penalise.

This week we have been treated to a fully blown and increasingly hysterical demonstration of disarray over the issue. It kicked off with a stroppy little letter to the Inde-pendent from Tony Blair's head of press, Alastair Campbell, in which he complained bitterly about something written by our good seives on the subject. In the process, he referred to a tax levied on "privatised monopoly utilities".

thermore, if ministers can undermine the credibility of the idea sufficiently as to make it seem unworkable, then Labour is in took it seriously enough to declare party time", for whatever else they are, they are not monopolies. Unfortunately for them, Mr Campbell seems to have been a touch

sloppy in his drafting. According to Her Majesty's Daily Telegraph, an odd place for Mr Campbell to spin his view of the world, the tax will actually apply to 30 privatised companies. The only pure privatised monopolies are the water and electricity distribution companies and they number 25. So there are five nonmonopoly "mystery" companies that will be hit, too. Which are they? Not saying, Labour retorts, which is hardly surprising since it appears not yet to know.

Co much for the problems of definition. Then comes the even thornier question of how to levy the tax. For this I have turned to the famous "leaked" City report from which Labour seems to have garnered its list of 30 "comfortably" able to afford the £5bn-

£10bn Labour wants for its training proposals.

Funnily enough it didn't take long to unearth this document since it turned out to be nothing more remarkable than a four-page circular to clients from SBC Warburg. which has been hanging around on my desk servative Party is probably on to a winner in identifying it as a campaigning issue. Fur-imight have thought Mr Campbell would "leaked" another two quite similar reports

over the past month which I would be happy to forward to the Labour Party should they wish to give me a bell. No doubt it is quite a compliment to SBC Warburg to be used as the basis for Labour's latest musings on the subject, though its clients among the util-

ities might think otherwise, but really.

If policy is now to be defined on the basis of those "able to afford it". I can think of a whole host of others just as deserving of a windfall tax. Let's begin with all those fat cats in the City, which we all know to be essentially a monopoly. A retrospective tax on City bonuses will do for starters. Now, let's see. Who's got a bit of money to spare? I know. How about Glaxo Wellcome? Sting Sir Richard Sykes for 500 mil and he'd harely notice the difference. Then what about old Wafic Said? Oxford dons have just turned down his offer of £20m towards a business school, so thanks very much, we'll have it

I exaggerate, of course, but to be honest, not very much. You might as well target any company or individual who has enjoyed 'above average returns" for all the difference it would make. If there is an intellec-tual justification for it as far as the privatised utilities are concerned, it is to do with the contention that these companies were hopelessly undersold at the time of privatisation and that the taxpayer has been short-changed as a consequence. Well, perhaps.

but it is also the case that they were sold for the best that could be achieved at the time commensurate with the Government's other aim of wider share ownership. That they were not sold for more is in part down to the Labour Party, which did its utmost to undermine each successive privatisation.

To turn round now and say let's have a bit more money is like the man who sells his house for too little and then later tries to reclaim the difference; it is not the way of the world. Furthermore, in a great number of cases, the present generation of shareholders are not the ones that have enjoyed the windfall gains. US companies buying into our regional electricity industry have done so at the top of the market. If Labour attacks them, retaliatory action will be taken by the Clinton administration against British interests in the US.

Not that there is any chance of Labour backing off here. Labour leaders may be divided on the detail of this new tax but they are united in believing it a reasonable way to raise money. All the same, the precedent is an awful one, which one way or another. utility customers will end up paying for. Strangely, the easiest and fairest way to raise money for spending, increasing corporation tax across the board, seems to have been missed by the Labour Party. But then that's one Labour would be well advised not to trumpet from the rooftops.

# AT&T rolls out big guns to stall BT wedding plan

AT&T, America's biggest phone company, is gearing up its awesome lobbying machine to stall British Telecom's proposed £13bn merger with MCL the second-largest long-dis-tance carrier in the US. The deal, the largest to involve a British company, threatens AT&T's number one spot in the US telecommunications

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That AT&T would not sit back and watch the BT-MCI marriage sail through was obvious from the first words uttered on the affair by the chief executive, Robert Allen. Pardon me, he said, but had not the US government better first establish that the British market is open before giving BT its MCI plum?

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America's biggest telephone group is gearing up its lobbying machine, writes **David Usborne** in New York

(FCC), to subject the agreescrutiny. It would like best of all to have it knocked down dead. That is over-ambitious. But AT&T can hope to use the proposed merger to gain improved market leverage in

"AT&T is going to be pulling out all the stops and doing everything it can to at least slow the imminent merger and to help clear the hurdles that remain for them in the United Kingdom," Jeffrey Kagan, of Kagan Telecom The translation is clear: Associates, said yesterday. AT&T will be doing all it can And AT&T is no lobbying to persuade US regulators, amateur. "They are used to

munications Commission (FCC), to subject the agreement to the most rigorous of AT&T is diligent in currying favour with Washington's powmer members of Congress that was deployed most re-cently ahead of the passage erful. During the Chicago Delast February of the Telecommunications Deregulation

mocratic Convention in August, for instance, the com-Bill, which tore down company invited delegates to a "Party of Champions" in the petitive barriers between long-distance and local carriers in restaurant owned by basketball legend Michael Jordan. The the US. Those in AT&T's pay inchairman of the Democratic clude such figures as Robert Strauss, a former Democrat National Committee, Donald Fowler, was treated to a cabinet appointee and George breakfast cruise on the lake. A Bush's ambassador in Washsimilar cruise was offered to ington, and Vin Weber, who Republican leaders at their represented his Minnesota San Diego convention. district in the House of Rep-Less conspicuous, but much resentatives for 12 years before

more potent, is the network of setting up as a consultant in lobbyists that AT&T has work-Mr Weber was a co-chair of ing for it in Washington. It is Bob Dole's doomed presia roster made up largely of for-

dential campaign and is per-haps the oldest political friend of Newt Gingrich. When the telecoms reform debate was at its peak, Mr Weber was able one day to walk Mr Allen into the Speaker's office.

In his statement, Mr Allen insisted that Washington should "condition any approval of the merger on the complete and unqualified opening of the telecom market in the United Kingdom". He went on: "BT still con-

trols more than 90 per cent of all local telephone connections [in Britain] and equal access to customers and telephone providers simply does not exist."

AT&T is likely to have a Reed Hundt, chairman of the FCC. In a visit to London only in September, Mr Hundt crit-



Currying favour: Robert Allen, chief executive of AT&T, is asking the US government to establish that the British market is open before approving the BT deal

sympathetic ear, meanwhile, in moving too slowly to dilute the up. Yet nowhere else... do we grip of monopoly carriers, inlucky that AT&T was broken

see a repetition of our clear-

ly successful experiment with "In the US we are very demonopolisation." Fancy a

# building boosts Michael Harrison

**Prison** 

The Government's Private Finance Initiative received a double boost yesterday as two new prison and rail schemes were given the go-ahead.

Transport executives in Manchester announced that Altram. a consortium including the construction group John Laing, has been selected as the preferred bidder for a £100m Metrolink extension.

Kvaemer, the Norwegian shipping and engineering group which took over Trafalgar House earlier this year, meanwhile announcd that it is to build a £30m PFI prison in Nottinghamshire.

The Manchester Metrolink extension to Salford Quays and Eccles is expected to be operational by 1999 and will carry 6 million passengers a year. The consortium, which also includes Ansaldo Transport and Serco Group, will also take over operation of the existing Metrolink system from Bury to Altrincham and through to Manchester city

Roger Hall, a director of pro-jects for Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive. said it now needed government approval for a grant funding package to allow formal contracts to be signed.

The Metrolink system involves trams running on old rail track. The extension is expected to bring £60m of benefits to the kcal area and reduce car journeys by around one million a year.

The prison project at Lowdham Grange, eight miles east of Nottingham, is the third to be built and run under the PFI and will house 5(0) category B inmates. The consortium that will operate the new jail. Premier Prison Services, is made up of Serco and Wackenhut Corrections (UK). It has been awarded a 25-year contract.

The campus-style prison, due to open in 1998, will also feature a workshop complex, two housing blocks and a sports and ed-

- Regalian, the property group, said it planned to tap shareholders for £16.8m to finance residential projects in central London. The one-for-two rights issue at 30p, which is being underwritten by PRW will be used to each in on the rice in residential prices in BZW, will be used to cash in on the rise in residential prices in London, which Regalian believes are set to continue for several years. The group announced pre-tax profits raised from £400,000 to £1.6m and said it would pay an interim dividend of 0.4p.
- Yorkshire-Tyne Tees, the ITV franchise holder, yesterday issued a writ against CIA, the media buyers, following an escalating dispute over the sale of air time in several ITV regions. YTT is claiming £785,000, in settlement of the disagreement over discounts offered to CIA for the sale of air time which was not subsequently taken up. The dispute had thrown into further question the complicated arrangements used to sell ad time on ITV, industry leaders said last night. Other ITV companies at the centre of the wrangle are Granada, LWT and Border Television, all members of the Granada-controlled Laser sales house.
- The John Lewis Partnership said its department store sales rose 11.1 per cent in the week to 2 November from a year earlier. For the 14 weeks to 2 November, turnover grew 15.6 per cent year-on-year. Total sales, including those from the Waitrose supermarket chain, rose 12.4 per cent in the 14-week period.
- Porsche, the German sports car maker, is set to resume dividend payments after reporting net profits rose to DM48.1m (£19.3m) in the year to July from DM2.1m a year earlier. A preference share dividend of DM2.50 and DM1.50 dividend per common share, equivalent to a total payout of DM3.5m, will be put to shareholders in January. In addition, preference shareholders will receive back-payments for the years they did not receive a dividend. Porsche last paid a dividend on its preference shares in 1992 and has not paid out on its ordinary shares
- Reliance Security said trading profits for the six months to
   November would be substantially below market expectations and last year's figure. It said the market for contract security management and manpower services was experiencing continuing competitive pressures, resulting in a slowdown in growth levels experienced in previous years and margin decline.
- Community Hospitals Group said Sir Peter Thompson had retired as chairman and resigned from the board.
- Sema has been given a contract by Malaysia to develop computer software for the organisers of the 1998 Kuala Lumpur Commonwealth Games. Under the deal, valued at £2.17m by industry sources, the group will supply and integrate all systems, ranging from accreditation, ticketing and transport to providing results. It will also develop an information system to be integrated with the Internet for world-wide distribution of realtime results and medal standings.
- · Hansom is raising £1.58m in a placing and open offer. The group said that following the fund-raising, it would be able to look to the future "with confidence". First-half losses were cut from £390,000 to £222,000, but no interim dividend is being paid.
- · Dalgety warned shareholders that the continuing fall-out from the BSE scare meant first-half profits were unlikely to show any improvement. Yesterday's annual meeting was told that last year's "mad cow" problems were largely over, but that "inevitably the first half of our current year will be affected, and profits are unlikely to show improvement at the interim stage.
- Roxboro Group yesterday issued its second profits warning in less than two months. The electronic components group saw its shares dive from 202.5p to 123p after announcing that there was no immediate prospect of any meaningful recovery in demand levels for its Dialight Electronics Product business. As a result, profits would be below current market expectations, the company said.
- Unit trusts appear in The Long Weekend.

# Inflation fears turn investors towards Italy

Diane Coyle Economics Editor

International investors have given an unprecedented thumbs-down to Britain's economic policy.

Following the Bank of England's warning this week that base rates would have to rise, the gap between the interest rate the British government has to pay on its debt and the German government's borrowing costs widened yesterday to nearly two full percentage

In addition, the yield on long-term Italian government bonds fell below the yield on benchmark 10-year gilts for the first time. In recent weeks both Spanish and Swedish government bonds have seen their yields dip below those on gilts. "It's a good thing the Greeks

do not issue these bonds or there would be one last milestone," said Stephen Lewis, chief economist at London Bond Broking. "The Bank of England is being vindicated." Kevin Adams, gilts analyst at BZW, said gilts were very good

value, yielding a third more than German bunds. "But international investors just won't hold gilts at the moment," he said. The negative sentiment in the financial markets reflects the prospect that UK inflation will pick up as the economy moves into top gear. The buoyant retail survey reported by the Confed-

eration of British Industry on

Thursday reinforced this concern.

The fact that investors now find Italian government bonds more attractive represents a remarkable turnaround. Italy has almost always had higher inflation and weaker government finances than the UK.

Mr Lewis said that Italy's inflation could be lower than the UK's during the next few months, which would make the UK inflation rate the highest among the G7 industrial countries. He said Italy was planning to halve its budget deficit to the equivalent of 3.3 per cent of GDP in 1997, while the UK borrowing requirement was likely to be 3.5 per cent of GDP. The financial markets have

also taken into account Italy's enthusiasm for the single European currency.

# Wall St heading for a crash, says Kleinwort

Yesterday brought a fresh warming that the US stock market is heading for a crash, with investment bank Kleinwort Benson sending a warning to clients to take "extreme care" with regard to share prices around the world during the next few months, writes Diane Coyle.

Equity strategist Albert Edwards advises, in the latest circular: "We are maximum bearish." Kleinwort has raised its holdings of cash to the maximum permissible level of 15 per cent of the total portfolio. Kleinwort is the latest to join the growing list of finan-cial institutions in its caution about Wall Street - Philips & Drew Fund Management is the most prominent amongst them because of the scale of its bet against the US market.

it is the US that gives Kleinwort most cause for concern. Mr Edwards writes that US share prices incorporate extremely buoyant expectations of company profits. With the market priced at 16 times prospective corporate earnings in the next year, it is very vulnerable to a fall in the US bond market, he

Although worried about slow

growth in Germany and Japan.

A reversal of the US bond rally could be triggered by Japanese investors pulling out due to fears that the dollar's period of strength against the yen has come to an end. Eisuke Sakakibara, director general of the Ministry of Finance, said this week financial markets had underestimated the strength of the Japanese economy.

# Unilever set to clean up in developing markets

Stodge has always been the word which sums up Unilever. and that is not just a reference to the food and detergent group's Cornetto ice creams or Birds Eye fish fingers.

Unilever's bureaucratic, Anglo-Dutch construction has, like Shell in the oil business, traditionally led to solid but unexciting returns for investors. Indeed, its shares have underperformed the rest of the market by nearly 10 per cent since the start of 1995, even after yesterday's 71.5p bounce in the price to 1,346.5p.

But things could be about to change. Analysts were pleasantly surprised by yesterday's 5 per cent rise in third-quarter pre-tax profits to £826m. Although that fed into an apparently pedestrian 2 per cent increase to £1.95bn in the nine months to September, the fig-ures came in at the top end of added 11 points to the 18 per expectations.

What wrong-footed obexpected £32m exceptional charge and resilience in the face of a weak European ice-cream market, where Unilever is the market leader. Analysts reckon the profits impact was around £50m, but the group held market share.

Europe from 11.4 per cent to 11.8 per cent. The businesses there, contributing 55 per cent of total operating profits, remain the backbone of the group and efforts to jazz up the performance appear to be havmg some effect. The frozen food business, restructured af-

Despite the problems, mar-

gins managed to creep up in

ter the arrival of new management in 1994, saw margins and profits move forward, despite some residual effects from the BSE scare. The detergents opcration also now seems to be bouncing back after last year's Persil Power débacle. The figures were given a leg-up by this year's acquisi-

tions, particularly in North America. Diversey, a maker of industrial cleaning products, and Helene Curtis, a shampoos cent sales rise notched up by the North American division. But servers was a much lower-than-most of the rest of the increase was accounted for by encouragingly higher volumes and level profits were only held back by the launch of new scents from Calvin Klein and

Elizabeth Arden. Too much should not be read into one quarter's figTHE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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market all this year, the underlying trends in the core businesses at last look positive. Longer term, there is still plen-ty to go for at Unilever. Developing markets continue to storm ahead as the burgeoning middle classes demand Western consumer products. Thus sales growth put at 15 per personal care and detergents.

ures, but after disappointing the while India, China, Indonesia and the Philippines continue to be star performers.

The key to unlocking this value will depend on the management shake-up being instituted by Niall Fitzgerald, the new chairman of the British end of Unilever. If that results in a more performance-orientated culture at the group, the cent in Brazil was fuelled by shares should start to reversetheir underperfor-

### UNILEVER: AT A GLANCE Market value: £11bn, share price £13.465

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mance. In the meantime, prof- and the failure to win the exits of £2.55bn this year, rising pocted level of repair work in the to £2.75bn next year, would put the shares on a forward multi-ple of 15. This is one to lock as originally scheduled. The in-

### New doubts over Senior

Senior Engineering is another ularly sensitive to changes in the company which has in the past performance of the business. failed to live up to expectations. Its reputation for taking two of them trying to reduce the price. steps forward and one step back will be reinforced by yesterday's by the stock market, which news that the £28.3m sale of the marked Senior's shares down 7p struggling Thermal Engineering to 114.5p yesterday. Thermal business has been delayed.

up by news that Andrew Parrish. the forecast profit from the busia director of Williams Holdings, ness has been cut by £1m. It rewas filling the chief executive's mains to be seen whether the post after an eight-month va- important pre-Christmas repair cancy, was seen as marking a re- contracts from US utilities have vival in the group's fortunes. But been deferred, or cancelled at the very least, this new delay completely. puts a question mark over that.

US for its inability to complete tention now is for the sale to go through by 20 December. Terry Garthwaite. Senior's fi-

nance director, says the buyers remain committed to Thermal Engineering, pointing out that the large debts being taken on in the MBO make its finances partic-He insists that there is no sense

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His confidence is not shared Engineering lost £237,000 in the The announcement of the dis-first half and the latest problems posal in October, quickly followed have caused Senior to warn that

Assuming flat profits of £22m Senior is selling Thermal En- this year from Senior, the share gineering to Thermal Engineer- price, standing on 22 times foring Corporation, a highly geared management buyout vehicle. The group blames higher costs in the UK industrial boiler business shares look unattractive.

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**SEAQ VOLUME** 768.2m shares, **36,780** bargains

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American interest continues to develop in Britain's remaining ion that CMS will continue the independent power groups. As US group CE Electric took its stake in target Northern Electric to 29.45 per cent, rumours began to surface that a transatiantic battle could emerge for East Midlands

Electricity. It seems many of the speclikely US takeover fodder were more than a little surprised when Dominion Resources revealed it might make a bid at

a decidedly ungenerous 608p They had been expecting another predator to appear - a company called CMS Energy,

operating in Michigan.
It is unclear whether Do-

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chase, offering around 700p a share, probably on Tuesday. CE Electric's buying left

Northern down 18p to 605.5p. Waters remained firm, partly on bid hopes. Thames led the

way with an 8p gain to 561.5p. The rest of the stock market failed to hold its full early ulators who some weeks ago promise. New York's overnight record provoked early excitement but at the close Footsie was struggling to hang on to a 10.4-point gain at 3,910.8. Worries about interest rates, sterling's strength and the unease in the government stocks

> Volume was again thin with the second half of the 110 million tax-effective bed-and-

market contributed to the cau-

MARKET REPORT

America tightens its stranglehold on British utilities

DEREK PAIN

stock market reporter of the year

companied by a share buy back or special dividend. In a remarkable move Lehman Brothers has acquired ADRs. amounting to nearly 4.8 per cent of the group.

on Tuesday, rose 8.5p to 484.5p on hopes the chairman, Sir Christopher Hogg, will provide details of the retailing and Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch

giant, achieved its best gain for a long while, leading other blue

Thursday's referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Com-mission. With Nat West Securities categorising the shares as a hold the price moved up 18.5p to 670p. A year ago the shares were 309p.

British Biotech gamed 16.5p

to 230p as long-time fan Ian White, analyst at Robert Fleming Securities, described the shares as a "strong buy". He believes the market has misinterpreted the recent data on its Marimastat cancer drug and expects favourable news 3.5p to 103p as its rights issue attracted an 81.8 per cent takeup. Stockbroker Panmure Gordon placed the rump. The £11.1m cash call was to help fund the takeover of Lumac, a

microbial testing firm. Senior Engineering lost 7p to 114.5p after it emerged that its £28m disposal of its thermal engineering company had not been completed. The group remains hopeful the deal will go

Frost, the petrol retailer, added 3.5p to 146p, its highest since April. With the petrol forecourt price war fading rapidly the group's prospects are being upgraded and there is talk one house, thought to be Kleinwort Benson, has put a 175p target on the shares.

takeover speculation. Reliance, the security group, crashed 60p to 120p following a profit warning; Roxboro, the

electrical components business, fused, falling 79.5p to 123p as it issued another prof-Waverley Mining Finance added 5.5p to 64.5p on the

Williams de Broe support. Jarvis, the construction and rail maintenance group, advanced a further 5.5p to 131.5p and Hansom, the taxi firm, reversed 7p to 10.5p after an-nouncing a £1.58m placing

and open offer at 5.5p.

Chelsex Village had an erratic session, scoring a 9p gain to 105.5p. Scrappy selling lowered Brown & Jackson, the

11p at 645p, enjoyed Salomon Middlesex Holdings, the Brothers backing. Tulkow Oil metals group, stuck at 6.25p rose 6p to 83p, largely on its year's low. Lord Owen, the metals group, stuck at 6.25p, its year's low. Lord Owen, the former politician who became chairman a year ago, has doubled his shareholding to 2 million shares, paying 6.125p. The company operates mainly in Russia, where its chief executive and largest

shareholder, Masoud Alikhani, has established close business links. Its activities also spread over coal, gold and oil.

equipment firm, reached a year's high with a 4.5p gain to 67p. There are whispers of bid action with some discreet but determined buying:

☐ Psion's range of hand-held

chips with a 71.5p gain to 1,346.5p following results. Airtours, the holidays group, managed to claw back some of minion has achieved a pre-emptive strike and CMS will breakfast deal in British Gas soon on Lexipafant, a pancre-Enterprise Oil fared well in computers are a "stunning strong oil sector, gaining Poundstretcher chain, 4p to inflating the day's total to success", says Merrill Lynch, look elsewhere. Although East 768.2 million. Cortecs International rose 14.5p to 546.5p as Goldman 12.5p. Beaufort, a business serforecasting a £5m profits gain Sachs took a fancy to the 9.5p to 205p ahead of a ruvices group, held at 4p against to £15.7m. The shares were shares. British Petroleum, up 171p ahead of Monday's inmoured research update and little changed at 416.5p. the altitude lost following Thursday's 3p placing. prices are in sterring except where stated. The yield is last year's div per cent, as a percentage of the share price. The price/earnings ( price divided by less year's earnings per share, excluding exception. Other details: r Ex rights x Ex-dividend a Ex all u Unisted Securities pp Partly Paid pm Nil Peid Shares. 2 AM Stock

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# Eales shoulders a heavy burden

ob Andrew could almost smell the try-line. Ten more metres, 12 per-haps, and the 1991 World Cup might well be England's. But that match at Twickenham, tight as a tourniquet from start to finish, had been notable for the ferocity of its tackling, and when a tall, lean figure emerged from the surrounding chaos to haul down the outside-half a few feet from glory, the whole of Australia knew that the Poms had played their last card. ...

Had the tackler been Tim Horan or Jason Little, Simon Poidevin or Willie Ofahengaue, the adulation would have been generous, but routine. This, though, was someone different; this was John Eales, an amazingly gifted and stunningly ath-letic second-row forward, but a second-row forward all the same. Second-rows were put on this earth to win line-out's and scrummage their opponents into oblivion, not make World Cup-winning tackles in open field. Those who had seen the

Queenslander's debut against Wales on home turf at Ballymore earlier that season might have anticipated liberal amounts of iam on the traditional boilerhouse bread. At 21, an age when most northern hemisphere locks are still considered to be in nappies, Eales pocketed the key to the door of international rugby by displaying the full range of his alls - the running, the ballhandling, the cover tackling, the set-piece expertise, even the kicking - in a 63-6 victory of murderous proportions. Those who missed it soon picked up messages from the bush telegraph that the Wallabies had unearthed

someone special. Five years and one careerthreatening shoulder injury later, the most accomplished tight forward in the world is captain of his country. Given the fact that Eales has spread his gifts far and wide since breaking through at the top level, it is surprising that today's international with Scotland marks his first appearance at Murrayfield, one of the venues that captured his imagination as a child.

His relish at the prospect is obvious from the moment he king hard grind over the last few ing his rag on the pitch, let alone confident by half, they will live months—Super-12, Tri-Nations, off it, is alive to the debate. to regret it.

**Chris Hewett** spoke to Australia's new captain, who enters new territory today

now this - but if you're finding it a drag to be playing Scotland at Murrayfield, there really must be something wrong. It should be a wonderful occasion for everyone in the Wallaby

Yet the feel-good factor sits uneasily alongside this particu-lar Australian side, struggling as they are to create a new line-up from the ashes of last year's World Cup campaign and an uncomfortable ride through a Tri-Nations competition utterly dominated by New Zealand Wita Michael Lynagh playing for his pension at Saraceus, Phil

'I was given the job because of who I was, sc that should be enough'

Kearns on the long-term injury list, Willy O falling apart at the seams and David Campese, high priest of rugby adventure, publicly defrocked and confined to the bench for this afternoon's match. Eales has a heavy load to bear.

Is he up to the job? Not in a playing sense - Eales would walk blindfold into any side in the world - but as a leader of men? Kearns, his predecessor as Wallaby captain, registered the doubts of many when he said: "I'm not quite sure about him yet. I don't think he is a natural captain, although the guys have enormous respect for his ability and that helps. It's just that as skipper you have to make some hard and unpopular decisions and, on occasions, get stuck into blokes. I don't think that's John, but maybe it will come.

Eales, so profoundly bashful and self-effacing that it is almost "Look, I didn't greatly expect to be made captain, although like every other player I'd half-fantasised about leading my country at some point. But it's no big problem, I try to adjust to each different situation in a way that suits my personality. There is no point at all in trying to be someone you're not; I figure that I was given the job because of who I was, so that should be enough."

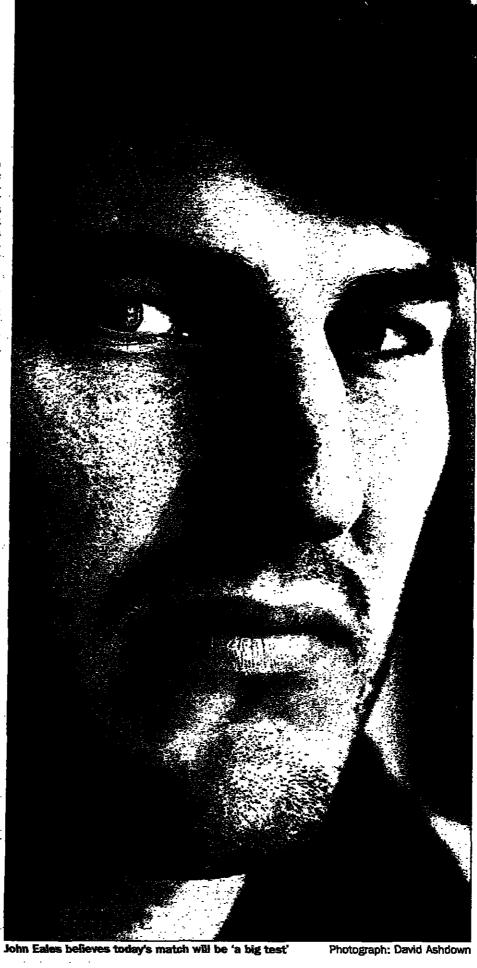
Anyway, there is a strong seam of solid realism beneath the layers of modesty. Eales is under no illusions about Australia's place in the world peck-ing order - he puts his Wallabies no higher than fifth - and as a result, he is deeply wary of the Scots, whom he considers to be a genuine danger to his touring party's designs on a Celtic Triple

"The World Cup last year was very disappointing" - the word "disappointing" is at the extreme edge of Eales' vocabulary "because we felt we had a side good enough to win the tournsment, only to find ourselves failing to perform when it really nattered. Right now, we are very ciously in a rebuilding stage

in the light of retirement and injuries, and to be honest, I couldn't place us in the top four. The last time we played England, we lost; the last time we went to France, they held us one-all. To rise up the rankings we need continuity of performance and, above all, we need results.

"On paper, we've got a fairly inexperienced front row, al-though I must say that Richard Harry played the game of his life in Glasgow last weekend. And while our back division has tons of ability, the Scots are very exciting in that department, too. Gregor Townsend can be deadly - he plays with real brains - and we all know the things of which Craig Chalmers and Gary Armstrong are capable. It's a big test for us."

Aussie captains down the ages have tried to hill opponents into a false sense of security by buttering them up before the kick-off. Eales is more honestto-goodness than many of his predecessors, but if the Scots take his words at face value and ens his mouth. "It's been a impossible to imagine him los- walk out at Murrayfield too



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# **Scots wary** of battered **Australians**

Rugby Union Correspondent

Britain's shopkeepers take the view that the festive rush starts in the middle of autumn. They probably got the idea from Scotand, who have handed out so many early Christmas presents to southern hemisphere touring

sides in recent years that they

might as well have been coached

by Santa himself. The last time the Scots won a November international at Murrayfield was in their Grand Slam year of 1990 when Tony Stanger, Gary Armstrong and Craig Chalmers shared four of the nine tries registered in a 49-3 stroll past Argentina. While all three are back to face Australia this afternoon, they will be more mindful of the subsequent howlers against New Zealand, South Africa and Western Samoa than any satisfaction they may have derived

from outclassing the Pumas. Scotland's hopes of beating the Wallabies for the first time in 14 years are based on two assumptions: first, that the tourists have lost so many class players and are so exhausted after an epic summer at both provincial and Test level that they will be in no condition to raise a gallop; and, secondly, that the home forwards' exposure to high-quality competition through the European Cup will render them more resistant to the rigours of an early-season international.

Neither theory is completely without foundation, although the Scots are once again living more in hope than expectation. The tourists have indeed shed vast quantities of priceless experience since losing their world title in South Africa 17 months ago, and their cause today has hardly been helped by an almost contagious rash of breaks and strains to various finely-muscled limbs. Three of the current party will soon be on the plane home - indeed, Adam Magro's foot injury means they now need a replacement for a replacement - but at least they lasted longer than Garrick Morgan, the hulking rough dia- frey and Finlay Calder into a mond of a lock who failed to survive the first 10 seconds of last month's Test in Italy.

It is also true to say that the Scottish pack might show more staying power than Frank Bruno on this occasion. Five of them are playing hard stuff week in. week out, in England and of the others, Murray Wallace will enter the fray with the kind of fury that befits any new cap while the hooker, Kevin McKenzie, should be like a greybound out of the traps. After all, he has played only twice all season. Yet somehow the Wallabies

TABLE TEMMS: International friendly: England v Slouckta (Slough).

There were few smiles among the tourists yesterday and Greg Smith, their coach, was intent on keeping it that way after a week of slatings from his rivals back home. "If we win, the critics will disappear for a while, go back to wherever they came from," he said. "If we lose, they'll be out there, throwing rocks at us." The tone of his voice did not suggest that he had even contemplated the second scenario.

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Smith's decision to drop David Campese to the bench is by no means a gamble, far less a panic measure. Joe Roff, the new left wing, was good enough to score four tries against the parsimonious Springbok James Small in one Super-12 match last March - four more that is. than Jonah Lomu managed in the World Cup final - and with Matt Burke and Tim Horan, he forms a back three of rich attacking potential.

The Scots will be hard

pressed to handle the back five of the Wallaby pack, too, where John Eales and Warwick Waugh should provide a secure plat-form from which to launch the heavy artillery personified by Owen Finegan and a seriously impressive specimen of a No 8. the Tongan-born Daniel Manu. He is nothing to worry about really, just a bigger version of Willie Ofahengauc.

None of that appeared to worry Gregor Townsend, the new Scottish captain, as his men trotted through their final training session in Livingston yesterday. 'Although we came close to a Grand Slam last season, we didn't really fulfil our ambitions," he said. "All the Five Nations' Championship did was to give us something to build on and now we need to concentrate on making the most of the chances we create - and, yes, I expect us to keep on creating those opportunities against the Wallabies."

Today's match will be the first international in which coaches can use tactical substitutes. Unfortunately, for the Scots, they have been unable to talk Gavin Hastings, David Sole, John Jeftour of duty on the bench.

LOUT OF CRUTY ON THE BENCH.

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REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Munster Under-21 v New Zeeland Under-21 (2.30) for Musgrave Park, Cork.

Rugby Union

Hockey

### Llanelli's Paul Jones given two-year ban for drug misuse Paul Jones, the Llanelli second-man, said: "We are very sad to circumstances of the case and racked my brain and I still can't "On current form, if there's events, Jerry will want to go out

rower and Wales A internajional, was yesterday banned for two years after being found guilty by the Welsh Rugby Union of drug misuse.

Jones told an WRU inquiry that he had injected testosterone in order to rehabilitate a shoulder injury after surgery. Terry Vaux, the inquiry chairbe part of this unfortunate matter. This is only the second time ever that a case of intentional use of a banned substance has come before the WRU. We felt that Paul Jones had erred and his punishment reflects the serious view the WRU takes in

this case. "However, given the special

Paul Jones' genuine remorse. the two-year suspension was backdated to 16 August, 1996, the day Paul Jones advised his club medical officer of his misdemeanour."

> Meanwhile, Brian Ashton has not stopped scratching his head from the moment England dropped Jeremy Guscott. Tve

come up with a reason." Ash- a better centre anywhere in the and show England they've made ton. Guscott's coach at Bath.

"This season, Jerry has never played better. He is relishing the extra time and space offered by the new laws, and coupled with a professional attitude, looks completely at ease with himself.

Ashton believes Guscott, who has won 43 caps, will produce something special when Bath visit Northampton today

northern hemisphere, then he

has escaped my attention."

in one of only three Courage League match.

"Bearing in mind this week's

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a mistake. I suspect their deci-

Guscott teams up with the new England captain, Phil de Glanville, at Franklin's Gardens, with three more England Sleightholme and Adedayo Adebayo - for company.

sion has hit him hard."

## WEEKEND FIXTURE GUIDE

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v Solent (8.0), Second Division; Bournemouth
v London (8.0); Solikul v Chessagon (8.0); South
Wales v Finitishrie (8.0); Tharnes Valley v Swindon (5.45).

SUPERLEAGUE: Besingoke v Cardiff (6,30); Bracknell v Shelfield (6,0); Newcastle v Ayr (6,30).

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ham (Manchester) v R Winght (US, holder) (a8 at Nymes Centre, Manchester). CYCLING: British Arways/Manchester Arport World Challenije (Manchester). **Rugby Union** NETRALL: That Test: England v Jamaica

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in-Arden (2.0); Blueherts v Worcester Noron (1.0);
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Lors (1.0); Christester v Guidstord (1.30); Edgbeston v Doncester (1.30); Ferbern vrok, (1.30);
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v Banford (1.30); Kill Brown Rood); Tingarley v Sh Albaris (1.30); Warnagon v Beroklands
(1.30); Verwi & Sherponn v Beeston (12.30); Basketball SUDWEISER LEAGUE: Newcastle v Chester (7.0). ice hockey SUPERLEAGUE, Ayr v Nottingham (6.30); Carolfl v Brocknell (6.15); Manchester v Newcastle (6.0); Sheffield v Basingspiele (6.30).

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# **Tufnell turns new leaf**

Phil Tufnell, the Middlesex spinner who has been recalled for England's tour to Zimbabwe. and New Zealand, bas promised to cut out the tantrums which deciding to bat, the tourists rehave marred past trips abroad.

The slow left-arm bowler

took time out from England's training week in Portugal to say: I intend to learn from my mistakes. I will have a different approach this winter as I accept I have been a bit naïve in the past.
"I don't believe I have ever let England down on the field but have let people down a bit off

it." Tufnell added. "My aim in habwe and New Zealand inis winter is to approach every-thing a bit more professionally." Tufnell, 30, impressed Middlesex officials last summer with his maturity - he revelled in extra responsibility following the departure of John Emburey to Northamptonshire. Emburey is now assistant coach on England's tour this winter and the former

England off-spinner will be a key figure in Tufnell's international

return after a 20-month absence from Test cricket. "I believe I am a better bowler now than a couple of years ago," Tufnell said. "I am more experienced and that counts for a lot as a slow bowler."

Burney Start

England A battled back from a disastrous start to their fourday match with South Australia at the Adelaide Oval yesterday with determined middle and late-order batting.

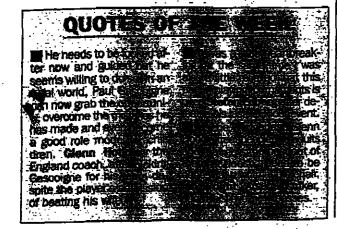
After winning the toss and covered from 46 for 4 to reach 232 for 9 at the close, after the pace bowler Mark Harrity, who has just returned from Australia's troubled trip to India, claimed 4 for 61. Mark Butcher and Craig-

White began the fightback with a 108-run fifth-wicket stand to save England from a first-day collapse against the Sheffield Shield holders. White fell for 61 while Butcher was dismissed for 73 - both after poor shots.

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### Smith adds to crew for Whitbread

Salling STUART ALEXANDER

The complexity of Lawrie Smith's assault on the Whitbread Round the World Race, which starts next year, was made evident vesterday when he announced four new British crew members for the male-crewed

EF Education in Brighton. Gordon Maguire will be a watch leader alongside the Swede Magnus Olsson, with Neal McDonald, a former International 14 world champion. and Adrian Stead, an Olympian in 1992 and '96, beefing up the squad of six top helmsmen. Steve Hayles, navigator last time on Dolphin & Youth, also joins, his role yet to be decided. The two existing boats, Intrum Justitia and Galicia, have been

modified while two new craft, designed by Bruce Farr, are under construction in Sweden and will be completed over the winter. The Grand Mistral round the world race, postponed from September 1996 to 1997, is now unlikely to clash with the

Whitbread. By 25 votes to 10, the council of the International Sailing Federation yesterday quashed all resistance to change in the Olympic line-up for the 2000 Games. The governing body endorsed the removal of the only two-man keel boat, the Star, and sealed the elevation of the 49er skiff to Olympic competition.

The president, Paul Henderson, pushed the other nine classes - Mistral boards, 470 dinghies, Laser, Europe, Finn, Tornado and Soling - through on that single vote, leaving any hopes that the Star class could be saved after 14 Olympics, or the Hobie cat introduced for the first time, dead in the water.

TODAY Football

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Asstrie v Latvie (5.15).
(et Erest Happe Istadium, Vienna)
EROUP SEVEN
Netherlands v Weise (7.0).
(et Philips Stratum, Enthroven)
GROUP BIGHT
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(et Eschenfilleren Sportpark)

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Kronszley v Fraton: Highordigs Skefts v Gloya: On-ford City v Besongstoler, Weymouth v Clevedon; Ayleabusy v Shangbourne: Salabusy v Witney; Weston-super-Mare v Raunds; Forest Green Rowers v Cambridge Chris, Medianhead v Brom-ley, Atlacahot v Chesham: Hendon v Sunton Uto; Hampion v St. Leonards Stamartof; Fisher v Ha-vant: Dertland v Tooting & Allicham; Wolkingsem v Leyton Pervent; Bellencay v Dordnester; Stantond; Baldock v Exestime; 22 Acas exempt tascs; Fisist-nound seplay; Oxid--22 Acas exempt tascs; Fisist-nound seplay; Oxid-

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Green v Folkestone; Turbridge Wells v Sneppey;
Whitstable v Greenwach; Woolsach v Furness.

UNIDET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE First Divi-eion: Avundei v Easthourne Town; Burgess Hill v Horsham YMCA; Hallsham v Whitehawic Mille Call v Portfield: Pagham v Oakwood; Southwick V RIPSTONE
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Cowes v Eactleigh; Gosport v Wimborne;
Portsmouth: R.N. v Betherton Heeth; Ryde v
Lynington; Thatcham v BAT Sports.
JEMSON EASTERN LEAGUE Premier Division:
Diss v Warboys; Fakerham v Soharn; Felinstowe v
Clacent; Golfeston v Bury Town; Harvich &
Parleston v March; Lowestoft v Wisbech; Newmenter v Wardham; Stommarket v Woodbudge;
Sudbury v Great Yarmouth; Tiptree v Hadeleigh;
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# sport

# **Dangerous** game for Holyfield

Tonight's world heavyweight title fight should end quickly, writes Ken Jones in Las Vegas

since being released from prison last year and tonight's defence of the World Boxing Association heavyweight championship against Evander Holy-field at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas is that his opponent has been receiving equal, if some-what morbid, attention.

This is partly because of the edge Holyfield held in the betting five years ago when Tyson was due to challenge him for the undisputed title. A rih injury caused Tyson to withdraw, but before the contest could be rearranged, he was indicted on a rape charge. They could have fought before Tyson went for trial, but Holytield, a God-fearing man, refused to entertain him.

Time changes most things and now Holyfield, at 34 a long-odds outsider, is thought to be taking a terrible chance with his future well-being. Required tests at the Mayo Clinin Minnesota proved Holyfield to be physically sound. but going in with the one of the most devastating punchers in heavyweight history causes people to doubt his sanity.

Although boxing has frequently defeated the process of logic, a widespread point of view, and one I share, is that the challenger will last only as long is takes Tyson to draw a bead on him. Three rounds maximum,

big difference between the four contests Mike Tyson has undertaken in 1991, the bout now looks so one-sided, so fraught with per- il for Holyfield, that one member of the Nevada State Athletic Commission's medical panel is said to have disassociated himself from sanctioning it. Bearing this in mind, it may

he significant that the choice of referee has fallen not on one of Nevada's two leading officials, Richard Steele and Mills Lane, but Mitch Halpern, a 29-yearold who comes fresh to a world championship in the heavy-

It is considered important that Halpern took charge of a contest for the World Boxing Council junior-lightweight championship in May last year, when Jimmy Garcia slipped into a coma after an eighth-round stoppage by Gabriel Ruelas, and later died. Since Halpern admits to being still traumatised by the experience, and contests under WBA rules are automatically terminated if a fighter goes down three times in one round, Holyfield appears safe from the extent of his spirit.

Not though from the predictable immediacy of Tyson's violent attacking. Emanuel Steward, who worked with Holyfield and now trains Lennox Lewis, said: "It's impossible to make out a case for Evander, but if he can stand up to Tyson's punches and get in a few of his own it could be interesting.

"The four guys Tyson has fought since coming back



Talking a good fight: Don King (standing) introduces Mike Tyson (left) and Evander Holyfield (second from right) at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas

shouldn't have been in there. Buster Mathis simply covered up. Frank Bruno was petrified, Bruce Seldon brought nothing. Evander will bring all the guts in the world and he's still canable of hurting Tyson. Anything can happen when heavyweights are in the ring, so you can't write him off completely. One way of beating Tyson in-

volves a column of motorised infantry. James "Buster" Douglas found another when inflicting the only blemish on Tyson's professional record. Taking ad-Where it would have been haven't been able to lay a glove vantage of Tyson's ravaged condificult to arrive at a conclusion on him. Peter McNeeley dition, Douglas got his punches

off first, made good use of a stiff left jab, moved just enough, then got in solid rights to the head. Douglas (inactive since skwenly preparation cost him the undisputed title in a first defence against Holyfield), who is being brought back by the Las Vegas promoter Bob Arum, said: "I was firing hard against Tyson. My mother had just died and I said: 'Screw it'. You can't get caught up in all that Tyson hype.

"He's a normal man. He's just built up to be supernatural. That's where most of his opponents have made a big mistake. Instead of trying to

duplicate Buster Douglas, they should enhance their own style. Don't get out of your own element if you see someone throw a punch in a different way. When I went in against Tyson, I worked on what I did best."

The best advice Douglas thinks he can offer Holyfield is to work off his jab. "Tyson has shown that he can take a good shot so one punch won't do it. You have to sustain the effort. wait for the storm to blow itself out. This fight interests me because there are a lot of questions to be answered. Tyson really hasn't been tested. He hasn't lost

his hand speed. Evander can box, but he's got a short fuse. He wants to rumble. I think we're going to see a fight." From the doyen of boxing

trainers, the 85-year-old Eddie Futch who prepared Riddick Bowe for three contests against Holyfield, you get a more de-tailed analysis. "To get through the early rounds, Evander has to do what works best for him and that's punch from the centre of the ring. I've noticed that after five or six rounds. Tyson brings his hands down to the lower part of his jaw and feints ropes without exposing himself too much. Mathis made him miss wildly, but so far there hasn't been anybody to give Tyson an argument about his reflexes, so I'm curious to know how he would handle the situation if Holyfield can take him to the later rounds.

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"But I'm afraid Evander isn't the same fighter. He looked bad in his last contest against Bobby Cznz and you have to think that Tyson's reflexes are still good enough to catch him with a knock-out punch. What con-

out there in kamikaze fashion, he's going to be dealing with the quickest heavyweight around to day and he will be right where Tyson can find him."

Tyson was so relaxed at a press conference on Thursday that it looked as though he slept through Don King's latest atempt at a time record in oration. In contrast to the tasteless demeaning of Holyfield by one of his co-managers, Rory Holloway, he referred to the challenger as a beautiful fighter. "But I'm better," Tyson added. He said it with a smile that made you

# Benn determined to prevent demise of the 'Dark Destroyer'

GLYN LEACH

reports from Manchester

Nigel Benn sometimes speaks with a forked tongue; tonight he ends his second retirement this year, once more to challenge Steve Collins, the World Boxing Organisation super-middleweight champion. four months after a twisted ankle

when he claims Collins has relit the fire within Britain's most consistently exciting fighter of the last decade? If not, the 20,000plus crowd at the Nynex Arena, Manchester, will witness the demise of the "Dark Destroyer". The rematch headlines Frank

Warren's lavish promotion which also features the Sheffield showman, Naseem Hamed, and curtailed their first encounter. Manchester's Ensley Bingham

Should Benn be believed in WBO title fights - the first bill ever to boost three world title contests each featuring a British participant. The Manchester card is a free hors d'oeuvre to wet appetites for Sky Sports' second venture into pay-per-view television later this evening, when Mike Tyson headlines Don King's Las Vegas show featuring three world heavyweight title fights - another first for the

Hamed's incredible popu-larity ensures the Manchester promotion box-office success, while the British light-middle champion Bingham's challenge to Ronald "Winky" Wright provides local interest. But the super-middleweight (12 stone) fight captures the imagination. The unsatisfactory four-

round ending to Fight One also at this venue - hinted that Warren-King promoting team. Benn's seemingly inexhaustible

capability had run dry. Collins, an unfashionable late entrant to the memorable series of battles featuring Michael Watson, Chris Eubank, Benn and himself, finished as the top dog.

The Dubliner, 32, should prove too strong, too hungry for Benn, also 32, at this stage in his arduous career. Collins' 36 fights (33 wins, three losses) have been less draining. But history suggests this is Benn's kind If his desire is all he promises,

of fight. When the odds have been against him in 47 previous contests (42 wins, four losses, one draw with 35 knock-outs) Benn invariably has delivered

Benn has lost his last two -Sugar Boy Malinga taking his WBC championship eight months ago - and realises defeat tonight leaves no way back. Under the circumstances, only the rash would bet against him.

12 hard-fought rounds, setting up a third fight with the Irishman. If not, Collins can claim his 18th KO:victim.

While 23-year-old Hamed is unbeaten in 23 fights (with 21 KOs), his last two performances have been disappointing by his own lofty standards. Floored for the first time before stopping Daniel Alicea, strug-gling before Manuel Medina's ions of recent times.

Benn can win a decision after retirement. Hamed needs a convincing win over Argentina's Remigio Molina tonight.

Florida's Wright, the WBO light-middleweight champion. has been beaten just once in 36 fights — but the 33-year-old challenger Bingham (16-6) is a vicious left hooker and landing his pet punch with regularity could make him one of Britain's more surprising world champ-

### NEWCASTLE

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3.45 SWIFT HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS D) £5,100 added 5YO plus 2m 4f

### RACING RESULTS **DONCASTER** 2.10: 1. MICHERADO (R Johnson 4-1: 2.

1.00: 1. HAMESOME REDGE (J Caron 20-1; 2. Ninth Chord 7-1: 3. Sint Baladee 11-4 Sav. 20 run. 1, Ind. (J Gosden, New-market). Tota: £43.10; £13.00, £3.80, £1.50. DF: £121.50. CSF: £173.28. Tno: 1.30: 1. SOVIET STATE () Reid) 6-5 fav; 2. Nor-Do-I 33-1; 3. Wild Sky 20-1. 17 ran.

3, 11/4. (P Chapple-Hyam, Manton). Tota: £2.10; £1.10, £15.20, £5.80, DF; £48.30. CSF: £54.55. This: £353.10 - part won, Pool of £452.65 carried forward to Dorcaster 3.30 today. NR: Sea Ya Marte.

2.00: 1. PRUSSIAN BLUE (W Ryan) 11.4 2.00: 1. PRUSSIAN BLUE (W Nyan) 12-4 co Ser. 2. Pollard 11.4 co Ser. 3. Further Fight 11-4 co Ser. 5 see. Str.-Ind. 3. (H Cocil. New-marker). Tetre: £2.30: £1.70, £1.70. DF: £4.30. CSF: £9.72. 2.30: 1. RUSSIAN SNOWS (L Dettor) 5-2

£4.30, CSF. £9.72, 2.30: 1. RUSSIAN SHOWS (L Dettor) 5-2 jt fav; 2. Quentonia 10-1: 3. Highland 6th 5-2 jt fav. 9 ran. 37, 6. (Seed bin Suror, Newmorkel), Tobe: £3.10; £1.10, £2.60, £1.30. DF: £19.40. CSF: £28.65. The:

3.00; 1 MYRMIDON (L Deltor) 7-1; 2. FigBe 25-1; 3. Royal Stackbird 7-2 fav. 13 ras. 3, 1. () Dunlop, Anundel). Tothe £7,90; £3.10, £8.30, £1.80. DF: £122.60. CSF. £147.05. Tricest: £678.56. Tric: £420.60. NR: Molly Music. 3.30: 1. CATERNIS (K Darley) 5-2; 2. Sunbeam Dance 7-1; 3. Kelser Keche 7-1. G ran. 5-6 fav Bold Demand. Hd. 6. (M Stoute, Newmarket). Totac 52.70; £4.70, £2.70. DF:

£9.70. CSF: £18.40. 4.00: 1. HIGH DOMAIN (/ Weaver) 20-1; 4.00: 1. HIGH DOMAIN () WESTER 20-1; 2. Minescries 20-1; 3. Minescries 20-1; 4. Spender 15-1; 2. Rin, 6-1; Hans Farne Again (5th), Gone Sevage, Hd, rik, U Spearing, Alcester), Totac £25.70; £6.30, £5.60, 2 £3.30, £4.70. DF: £271.90. CSF: £355.60. Education of 2271.50. Con: Education.

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UTTOXETER UTHEARTHM 1.10: 1. GENERAL MOUNTAR (A P Mc-Copt 4-1; 2. Victoria Day 16-1; 3. Pro\*s Pro-files 12-1. 16 mm. 9-4 fav Sovereigi Grt. 7. Yz. DM Pipe, Weilingson), Totar EA 10: 51-50, 54-50, 5A-10. DF: £40-50. CSF: £68.15. Tro: £86-20. DF: £40-50. CSF: £68.15. Tro: £86-20. Le Ramp 3. 2. Theoretomidet 6.4 fav 2. Le Ramp 3.

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Bironi 3-1 fav; 3. Desert Brawe 16-1: 10 ran. 4. 4. (\$ Brookshaw, Urfington). Tota: 23-90: £1-40. £1-20. £2-40. DP: £1-50. CSP. £1-55. Tricast: £157-07. Tric: £95.70. 240: 1. BASSENHALLY (R Mortey) 13-2; 2. Ragamartin Romeo 9-4 fay: 3. Pressia 8-1 9 ran. 14, 7. (Mrs P Sty, Peterborough). Tota: £7.00; £2.00, £1.10, £2.40, DP. £15.80. CSF: £20.75. Tricast: £109.86. Trics

3.10; 1. NOLLICAN, Maggirry 4-9 RV; 2. Finanting Misraels 33-1; 2. Scottish Bum-bi 10-1. 7 ran. 6, 3½. (D Nicholsus, Jüm-ple Gutrug). Totas £1.50; £1.50, £21.80; £ £12.50. CSF; £13.96. 3.40; 1. DEYMIAR (R Duravoody) 3. High Grade 10-1; 3. Pisarare 15-8 RV 8. ran. NV, 4. (D Gandolfo, Wentage). Totas: £3.40; £1.50, £3.90. DF; £15.90. CSP £26.47.

4.10: 1. ELBURG (M A PROMERNO 14-1; 2. Bollindoo 4-1; 3. Mr Flatts 12-1 12 mm. 9-4 fav Apachee Flower. 10, 6. (1 Georga, Stroug), Tote: £10.60; £2.70, £2.00; £5.00; DF: £25.40, CSF: £69.37. Tncast: £981.98. Tno: £262.00. NR: Rosie-B. Place 6: £67.15. Place 5: £13.87.

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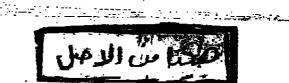
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# Follow the Leader in Flat finale Racing GREG WOOD

As handovers go, it is almost flawless, with only the prospect of Folkestone's irritating and awful Flat card on Monday to spoil the occasion this afternoon as the baton passes from the summer to the winter code. In spirit at least, the 1996 campaign on the level ends with the November Handicap card at Doncaster while at all points north, south and west there are meetings to remind us of what there is to look forward to on the road to Cheltenham in March. For betting-shop punters in particular, there can be few better Saturday afternoons all year.

While Chepstow, Wincanton, Newcastle and Uttoxeter all have much to recommend them, the first port of call for most punters this morning will be the November Handicap, which with its 24 tightly handicapped runners is no less competitive than the Lincoln Handicap which launched the season at the same course eight months ago. That race, in case anyone has forgotten, was won by a 33-1 chance, and while Kutta seems sure to start a warm favourite for today's feature at around 7-2, be has had two hard races in recent weeks and makes little appeal at such odds.

Clifton Fox, the Cambridgeshire winner, will be another popular choice, but since Jeremy Glover, his trainer, has stated that he is not sure that his runner will stay today's trip, par-ticularly on the rain-softened ground, it is difficult to back him with confidence. More interesting is Dato Star, still a maiden on the Flat proper but winner of the Festival Bumper at Cheltenham in 1995. Runner-up to Snow Princess in this race last year with the remainder well beaten, he seems sure to go close again off a 5lb higher mark.

On a simple point of value,

his old ability. If so, 20-1 will look a very big price at 3.35 today.

The remainder of the Doncaster card lost some of its interest when Russian Snows won the 2.30 at Town Moor yesterday to finally decide the trainers' championship in favour of Saced bin Suroor and the Godolphin operation. The stayers' handicap which closes the card deserves close inspection, though, and while Orchestra Stall may start favourite, his huge burden will leave him open to attack from Sweetness Herself (next best 4.05), who can complete a five-timer. Key To My Heart (2.55) looks the best choice in the Serlby Stakes.

At Chepstow, Castle Sweep is one to oppose at short odds in the Tote Silver Trophy since his jumping often deteriorates un-

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Shadow Leader (Doncaster 3.30) **NB: Polly Peculiar** (Doncaster 1.20)

der pressure. JET RULES (nap 1.45), who started favourite for last season's Sun Alliance Hurdle, has everything in his favour today and can exploit the 81b he receives from the favourite.

Newlands-General (1.15) must also go well at the Welsh course while the eagerly await-ed chase debut of See More Business should be a winning one, though it is unlikely to be worth betting on. The same comment applies to Coome Hill, who brings enormous promise from the hunter-chase field to Wincanton's Badger Beer Chase (3.10), but does so, unfortunately, with his amateur jockey still attached. Hard To Figure, one of the best sprint handicappers of recent years, makes his hurdling debut at the age of 10 in the Elite Hurdle, but Irish raider Space Trucker (3.45) is a better bet against the

likely favourite Mistinguett. however, it is difficult to ignore a horse who returned to his best ters can enjoy the Ekbalco Hurform when winning his last race die at Newcastle while the and will be ideally suited by to- recent Cesarewitch winner Inchday's trip, going and the ex- cailloch contests a handicap pected strong pace. Shadow chase at Sandown and Jack Leader (3.30), available at 20-1 Tanner, expected to be one of chase at Sandown and Jack this morning, has struggled this the year's best novice hurdlers, season to reproduce the form is in action at Uttoxeter. In Irewhich carried him into third land, Danoli should stroll home. place in last year's Bessbor-ough at Royal Ascot, but his de-Naas today while Klairon feat of Polydamas at the same Davies, the Champion Chase track last month implied that winner, reappears against two ri-Charlie Egerton has rekindled vals at Leopardstown tomorrow.

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CHEPSTON 1.15: NEWLANDS GENERAL, who ran the very lemently-handipped Zeredar to threequarters of a length with the third 24 lengths away at Worcester recently, can go one better today. Northern Saddler and Benjamin Lancaster may pose most problems.

1.45: DR LEUNT was the unluck-iest loser at the 1995 Cheltenham rest loser at the 1990 chemisman Festival, passing the post in second place in the friumph frurdle despite losing 15 or more lengths when forced off the track early in the race. Tony McCoy did not need much persuasion to take this mount in Reference to others. 

2.15: SEE MORE BUSINESS, who is fit and fancied, is described as a "top-class prospect" by his trainer and is hard to oppose.

DONCASTER 2.25: With Diffident heavily penalised for recent successes, Russian Revival disadvantaged by being drawn on the wide outside and Croft Pool, Tadeo and Shanghai Girl possibly better suited by five furlongs. ROYALE FIGURINE, who will not be inconvenienced by the casy ground, is the bet.

2.55: EVA LUNA is a little onepaced but is better suited to this go-ing than Medaille Militaire or Key To My Heart.



3.30: HEART is still a maiden but looks a typically progressive Michael Stoute-trained sort who will like the ground and stays well.

Gone For A Burton and Shadow

Leader have hit form at the right time and are two of many daugers while Kntta also merits respect.

000 4.05: Orchestra Stall was impres sive at Newmarket last time, but BOWCLIFFE COURT looks a step ahead of the handicapper.

WINCANTON 3.10: COOMBE HILL, who bear Andrelot by seven lengths in an amateurs' handican chase at Chel-tenham recently, has fitness on his side. Garrison Savannah is not the force of old but still ran well last season and has slipped to a favourable handicap mark. He is the danger.

3.45: ESKIMO NEL in good form on the Flat, is suited by a sharp two miles on decent ground over hur-dles and would be worse off in handicap. Impressive Newbury Mistinguett looks the chief threat.



### Singspiel aims at Japan Cup

The overseas challenge for the Japan Cup has been finalised, with Helissio, Pentire and Za-greb being joined by fellow Europeans Singspiel and Strategic Choice in the field for the £1,073,993 race on 24 November. They will face Saintly, the Melbourne Cup winner, plus American raiders, Awad, Flag Down and Dernier Empereur.

### HYPERION 12.20 Silverani 12.50 Zinzari 2.25 Royale Figurine 2.55 Eva Luna 3.30 Heart (nb) 1.20 Catumbella 1.50 DON SEBASTIAN (nap) 4.05 Bowcliffe Court GOING: Son. STALLS: Straight course - stands side; round course - inside. II Left-hand, pear-abaped course with 1 mile straight. II Course is E of form off the A638 (M18 Jets 2 & 4). Bus link from Doncaster Central station. ADMINISTON: Club 216; Grandstand 210: Family Enciosure 54 (under-16s free all enclosures). CAR PARE: Free.

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■ LEADING JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery — 37 winners, 209 rides, 17.7%, +511.43; K Dar-
407 — 37 winners, 200 rides, 13,9%, +826.28; L Dettori — 35 winners, 200 rides, 17,58c.
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2 025312 CROFT POOL (13) (C) (D) (Countywide Classics) J Glover 5 9 0
3 020112 RUSSIAN REVIVAL BUSA) (14) (D) (BP) (Goodshire) Second on Surger 3 9 0
4 050841. ASTRAC (8) (D) (T ), Beaccolt) Miss G Kelleydy 5 8 11
5 106005 AVERTI (16) (D) (D) (D) (D) W New 58 11
6 000110 TADEO (14) U.R. Good: M. Johnston 3.8.11 M Roberts 10
7 050000 TAKADOU (4) (Exos of the Late Mr F Tydesley) Mess L Soldall 5 8 11 D Herrison 6
8 230615 THE PUZZLER (8) (2) Custo Puzzler Widosley (8) (8 5 8 11
9 410100 CARRANTA (21) (CD) (Lamb Lang Associates B Palling 6 8 9T Sprake 7
10 050000 DOLEKE QUICK (20) (The Hon E Bedent) M Jonnston 4 8 6
11 10-2000 NEEPERS DAWN (142) (D) (Bob (anisar) R Jorgeon Houston 3.8 6S Sanders 11
12 614020 MONTSERRAT (US) (D) (SF) (Mrs Arme Yearles) L.G Cotton 4 8 6
13 St.000-6 PARIS BASE (182) (D) (Alts Sistern I Parry) D Money 4 8 6
15 600651 SHANSHAN GERL (14) (7) (Natic Sant) Dinter 3 8 6
15 013604 WARRENG STAR (27) (0) (Septem Crown) B Hats 4 8 5
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BETTING: 7-2 Croft Pool, 9-2 Difficient, Russian Raukal, 7-1 Carrantia, 10-1 Stangasi Girl, 12-1 Royale

Figoriae, 24-1 others 1998. Paling 12 ran FORM GUIDE. It did seem as though the best ground was on the for side yesterday and RUSSIAN RE-VIVAL can win this from statione. A son of Nur-yev (size of yesterday's winner Soviet State), Russian Rewall should act on the ground. A 2th pull, plus the return to six furlongs, gives him every chance of averaging the head deleast by statiernate Diffidient over seven here a fortnight ago. A week earlier in the Bentinck States at Newmarket, Russian Revisel best Pession For Life with Royale Figurine and Carranita softh and seventh. Royale Figurine is not helped by a high three today, but Caranita forthware arean and only 11b better) is bound to finish closer on ground she prefers. It seems as though Russian Revisel has improved plenty, but Caranita do best her well in the soft at Rewnarket in August and is 7th better on that numbing. Winner of this race last year, Carranita can confirm that form with Royale penny, our command one over the market in the Sort at necessaries or August and in the command of the Property 
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4	116250	KALABO (USA) (14) (D) (Godolchin) Seeed bin Surpor 4 8 13	_L Detion 4
5		MEDIALLE MILITAIRE (10) (James Harmett) / Duniop 4 8 13	
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7		SHEER DANZIG (41) (R.) Arcullo R Armstrong 4 8 13	Mr Hills 7
8		POPPY CAREW (28) (D) (Mrs P W Hams) P Hams 4 8 8	
9		FREEQUENT (48) (D) (Figodis Sturb L Current 3 8 7	
10		WEET-A-MIRIUTE (12) (Ed Westmen Ltd R Hodinshead 387	
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Pat Eddery is taking a pull with just two rides on this card. He is with the right man for this Listed race (Michael Stoute has won the last two runnings) and ELECTION DAY looks the business with the ground in his fewour and in a woor for the tirst time. Election Day, who ran a stormer on only his third start when second to Oscar Schindler in the Chronide et Chester, broke down on the fast ground at Royal Assot. He then duly won the Aston Park at New-

bury. Top-class handicapper Sheer Danzig will give a big boost to Setter Offer in the No-vember if he wins this. Second to the Hansood getting at Ascot last time. Sheer Danzig con-handle soft ground and this race is a bit easier trian the Croup Three won by Sacrament, at Kerepton. Medicine Militaire has a higher rising than Sheer Danzig. Bock to form at Yarmouth last time, he has yet to prove he stays this timp. Eve Lune boosted the November claims of Kutta ofter her Newtury third to Salmon Ladder, in which race Kalabo ran body in the soft ground. Presignest looks best served by a faster surface.

Selection: ELECTION DAY

10	200	TOTE CREDIT NOVEMBER HANDICAP (CLASS B)	C4
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1	2.3040	BETTER OFFER (21) (D) (Mrs Marroy Sainer) G Harvocal 1 9 6	-T hembu 12
2	213010	KUTTA (14) (Hamdan Al Maldoum) R Armstrong 4 9 3	W LODBY 20
_	101-012	CLIFTON FOX (8) (C) (P and S Pannership)   Gover 4 S 10	K 1985 11
4	633113	PERFY A DAY (14) (CD) U GOOD Mrs M Rensity 6 8 7	N Day 14
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Ģ	321103	CRESTIAL CHOR (44) (C) (D) (BF) (Ms Cardle Sweet) ) L Evre 6.85	J Fortune 13
7		DANCE SO SINCE (29) (D) (BF) U.S Gaster) P Core 4 8 4	T Quinn 16
8	302100	GAME PLOY (POL) (15) (Resen R Hyreston) D Haydn Jones 4 8 3	.5 Stricters 9
9	54202-3	DATO STAR (16) (BF) (K Riey, Mrs. M Custon & J Doresto J M Jefferson 5 8 3	K Fallon 4
10	235203	ROMOS (23) (C Shacolas) P Cole 4 7 12	C Rutter 19
11	136343	KARHAAN (16) (D) (Hamdan Al Maksoum) D Morley 3 7 12	. G Carter 2
12	313130	FAR AHEAD (31) (D) (Surpak Potames) J L Eyre 4 7 11	_T Williams 3
13	30-0001	SHADOW LEADER (29) (D) Claries Blackshaw C Egenon 5 7 10	Charmock 11
14	548005	TEN PAST SIX (14) U.S. Nemerley and Mes J. Half M. Ware, 1,7 10	_F Nortoe 17
15	500-002	COME FOR A BURTON (16) (BF) OH P Comprison P Makes 6 7 10	Ni Carlisia 22
16	3-22111	PRESENT ARMS (USA) (26) (D) (HRH Prince Folid Salmaru P Cole 3 7 10 A	cuJ Qudna 7
17	011213	SUGAR MALL (1/4) (C) (C) (C) (C) Buckley) Mrs M Revetey 6 7 10	Without (3) 8
18	4 12302	WILD RITA (14) (D) (Perspicacious Punteus Racing Cub) W Murt 4 7 10	P Doe (7) 23
19	LI20401	EDAN HEIGHTS (16) (D) (TR Mourism) 5 Dox 4 7 10 (4cd	A Dalv (5) 21.
20	462620	MEDICAN SELEC (15) (Next) H Painer) J Euslace 6 7 10	N Konnedy 1
21	45224	HEART (36) (SF) (Philip Newton) M Strute 3 7 10	bench (7) 12
22	322321	WORLA PREMIERE (30) (D) (B) W Gazlei M Tompkins 4 7 10	Moder (7) 5
23	101201	HAYA YA KEFAAH (43) [CD] (Alan G Coducci) N Babbare 4 7 10	6
24	062001	ASSETSM (4) (Husto O'Dormally D Haydon Jones 5 7 10 (420)	Variet (3) 18
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KUTTA, unlucky on his last wast to Town Moor when blocked for morn behind Suc's Arteste, has the class to give a stone to Darto Star. Nutta is a fresh horse who loves the ground and appears a class above this Seld on his second to Salmon Ladder in the St Samon Stales at Newtony. Nutta also impressed with his speed to win the Countyle Handicalp at Newtony and the willy be bettied on when conceding 20th to Bathynskeliy on the Borkshire track in Sep-

Newcomy. Notice also impressed with his speed to win the Courage Handicap at Newbury and the way he bestied on when conceiling 20th to Ballynakelly on the Borkshire track in September showed he can dig deep if required. Dato Star wants the must so his second to Snow Princess on the fast ground last year was a cracking effort. But the weight he gets from human does not look nearly enough. Present Auria has a feather-weight after being on a roll on the fast ground. He was buck bestien in the soft as a pivenile. Better Offer will be popular with fans of the returning Gay Hansood, but he has to be questioned on this surface after his set ground wins and also has to beat the 10th has for he interest Ascot success. As pood is Cilitori Fox is, it is hard to swallow a Cembridgeshire winner going on to land a November Handicap. There must also be a doubt about Gauss Ploy getting home over this tro, but in outsider is the the mod-houng mare Volta Premittent, even if she is on to the handicap proper. She is 7to better with Game Ploy for a length second at Windson in July. Rosalos can be a tooky customer the ground is an his favour.

Selection: NUTTA

4.05 COALITE DRAGON HANDICAP (CLASS C) £10,00 added 2m 110yds Penalty Value £7,830	<sup>0</sup> C4
1 214101 ORCHESTRA STALL (8) (D) (D Seef)   Dunion 4 10 3	Τ Quion 2
2 600452 SEA VICTOR (16) (C) (D) (BP) (J David Abell) J L Homs 4 8 11	L Dettod 5
3 322310 GENEROSA (59) (HPH Ponce Fand Salment) H Candy 3 8 11	
4 52462-0 EXECUTIVE DESIGN (197) (BP) (LT Foster) Mrs M Revoley 4.8.9	K Darley 17
5 5516-00 TORCH VERT (217) (Paul Green) N Walter 4 8 8	J Stack 7
6 100020 LALINE) (14) (Dt (Christopher P Renson) R (Champion 5 8 5	A WcGlone G
7 3050-0 NOUFARI (FR) (45) (Ed Westman) R Hollandhead 5 8 3	F Lynch (3) 14
8 00:111 SWEETNESS HERSELF (S) (Mrs M ) Lavell M Ryan 3 8 0	M Baird (3) 10
9 034033 PARADISE NAVY (9) (C) (D) (Exp. Racing Club) C Egerton 7 S O	R Mullen (7) 15 B
10 230641 BOWCLETE COURT (15) (D) (A D Spence) R Allebury 4 7 13	
11 262104 UNCLE DOUG (23) (D) (D D Saul) Mrs M Reveley 5 7 12	
12 51-4600 DEBUTANTE DAYS (9) DAIS States Brashed C Exerton 4 7 11	
13 420624 SHIRLEY SUE (33) 60) (Greenland Park Ltd) W Johnston 3 7 10.	
14 121304 IZZA (16) (D) (D C Botey) W Storey 5 7 10	N Kennedy 9
15 032410 LEPROVA (USA) (8) (R E Sangster) 8 Hats 3 7 10	
16 560433 KARISMA (15) (D Vic Roper) Denys Smith 3 7 10	
17 0/50/4- OUTSET (372) (Mark Kilter) M Hemmont 6 7 10	D Whicht 8
- 17 declared -	

na 65 130, Outset 65 100. BETTING: 4-1 Orchestra Stall, 5-1 Bowcliffe Court, 6-1 Sweetness Herself, 7-1 Paradise Navy, 8-1 Sen Victor, 14-1 Uncle Doug, Generosa, 16-1 others 1995: Men 3 7 9 J Qurin 2-1 (P Cole) 12 ran FORM GUIDS

BOWCLIFFE COURT, recently snapped up for hurding by Reg Akenurst, spreadeagled his 13 meals in the mud at Newbury 16 days ago. He is well-handcapped 19th better with Uncle Doug on Ripon running) and there is no better man at the weights for these slogs than Jinnny Quinn, who won it last year on Merit. Sweetness Herself is a smillarly progressive sort but the two miles takes some getting and she has yet to go beyond 14 futrions. Orchestra Stall is 19th higher for his Newcastle win. A non-stayer in the Cesarewitch, he won easily on a return trip, but this big weight will take some delying in the ground. Paradise Newy and See Victor make the frame in this last year, but the ground was a lot faster then.

Selection: BOWCLIFFE COURT

### **HYPERION** 2.50 The Reverend Bert 3.25 Flying Gumner 3.55 Potentate 1.45 Dr Leunt 2.15 See More Business GOING: Chase course - Good to Soft; Hurdle course - Good to Soft (Soft patches).

ELEADING TRAINERS WITH RUNNERS: M Pipe — 46 winners from 172 runners gives a success ratio of 25.7% and a loss to a 51 level stabr of 55.27; N Twiston-Davies — 20 winners, 94 rinners, 21.3%, +513.17; P Bobbs — 16 winners, 63 runners, 25.4%, +557.10; D Nicholson — 14 winners, 41 runners, 22.3%, +55.58.

ELEADING JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody — 20 winners, 102 rides, 38.4%, -514.41; D Bridgwater — 17 winners, 57 rides, 25.4%, +517.48; C Liewellya — 15 winners, 81 rides, 18.5%, -516.49; A P McCoy — 14 winners, 55 rides, 25.5%, -52.65.

ELINKEEED FIRST TIME: Eventualternauthers (3.26); Moment Of Glory (3.55).

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAVG: Runsoway Pete (1.45) won at Warwick last Saturday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Benjumin Lancaster (1.15) sent 134 miles by M Grillin from Menheniot, Comwall; Wee Windy (2.15) sent 133 miles by J Grifford from Fladon, W Sussex.

	1.15	£10,000 2m 110yds Penaity Value £6,905	BBC1
		HORTHERN SADDLER (234) (D) (Ficherd J Exens) R Hodges 9 11 10	
	2 2133-43	NEW ANDS GENERAL (LA) (D) (C Marphy) P Nicholis 10 11 3	A P McCoy
		MAINSAR (8) (P M Rich) P Rich 8 10 10	
	4 PFF233	BENLAMIN LANCASTER (190) (CD) (M Grūšn) ¼ Grūšn 12 10 0	
	5 23-3133	NORTHERN OPTIMIST (7) (D) (Machinorth Shooker Club PT) B Lievellyn 8 1	0 () .R Johnson
	6 PP3265	<ul> <li>OLLIVER DUCKETY (186) (Mrs.) Sidebostom) Mrs.) Sidebostom 7 10 0</li> </ul>	ثله بعداد الأ
		- 6 dectared -	
1	Miningan wel	grc 10sz. Tiwe handicap weights: Benjamin Lancaster 9st 13th, Northern Opt	knist 9st 3th. Or

Minimum weight 10st. Rue handlosp weights Berjämin Lancaster Set 13st, Normann uponing, 254 July Rev Ductert Set St.

BETTINE: 54 Minimum General, 7-2 Morthern Sanklier, 9-2 Nalysari, 6-1 Benjamin Lancaster, 7-1

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1996: Kinner 8 12 0 A Magaire 4-1 (P Hobbig 8 an

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NORTHERN SADDLER has not reced since last March but he won his first two races in 199596, three altogether – each with Richard Durwoody in the saddle. Ron Hodged's runner is 
printed to 11st 10th but shouldered 12st when he scored at Associal jalanapy, his other viscones 
being at Newton Abbot a year ago and Worcester. Newtonds-General went off fanourse at 
Stratford three weeks ago on his first run for Paul Nichols but ran as though in need of the 
outing, dropping swelly for fourth behind Eastern Mage, 15 lengths offict of the d-based Northern Optionist. Newtonds-General laft that runner behind when going down by three-parts of 
a length to Zereder at Worcester a week later, with the thre 24 lengths away. With a 9th 
pull, Newtonds-General should turn around his eafer numbing with Northern Optimat. Newtonds for five 
morths before his chasing-debut fourth to Around The Gale.

Selection: NORTHERN SADDLER

[	1.45 IOTE SILVER TROPHY (HANDICAP HURDLE) (CLASS BBC1 BBC1			
1	645P4-	MAUSE (203) (CD) (White Horse Racing Lath D Elsworth 9 11 10		
2	411220/	DR LEANT (604) (Page Emply) P Hobbs 5 10 11 A P McCoy		
3	111133-	CASTLE SWEEP (226) (Lord Vessey) D Necholson 5 10 10R Johnson		
4	423101-	SELVER SHIRED (225) (D) (D M Beresfort) M Pipe 5 10 5		
5	652110-	JET RULES (241) (CD) (Jet Stationery Co) Mrs. J. Pitman 6 10 2		
В	420-14	HAND WONEN (35) & Archer & Mass J Broadhussi N Twiston-Danes 4 10 0C Llewellyn		
7	3P012-1	RUNAWAY PETE (USA) (7) (CD) (I D Smeaden) M Pipe 6 10 0 (3ex)S Wynne		
8	453433/	MEDITATOR (644) (CD) (Ales Jacqueine S Doyle) A Jones 12 10 0B Festion		
9	43501-1	TEEN JAY (14) (D) (Gerreri Associates) B Llewellyn 6 (10 0 (Sex)		
10	3212/12	MENTEURES CHOICE (15) (C) (EF) (G Mycon) D Michalson 5 10 0		
		- 10 declared -		

Minimum weight: 10st. True heraticap weights Hand Woven 9st 11lb, Ruhaway Pete 3st 11lb. Meditator 9st 10lb. Teen bay 9st 9tb. Mytton's Choice 9st 6tb.
BETTRING: 7-4 Castile Sweep, 4-4. Shiver Street, 6-1. Dr Leunt, 1et Ruies, 12-1 Mytton's Choice, 14-1. Hand Worsen, Romanuy Pete, Teen Jun; 20-1 Muse, 40-1 Mediator
1995; Jibber 1be Mibber 6-10 0 R Farrart 40-1 (Mas J Pirman) 15 cm
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1995: Abber the Kober 6 10 0 R Farrant 40-1 Mrs J Pirman; 15 ran FORM (GRIDE)

David Nicholson, who won this with Mightly Mogal (1992) and Triple Witching (1993), can again do the trick this time with CASTILE SWIEEP. Witner of a bumper at Limenck in his only start in 1994-95 and a NH Fist event, at Newton Abbot is year ago on his British debut, Castle Sweep took a hurdles hat-trick before a third to Indefence and Kimanicky when favouritie for the Supreme Novices' Hundle at the Chettenham Festival. He then cen third bethind Tragits Heriot at Annibee, where he found the track too sharp. This track should suit, as wall the ground, and the yard is in fine form. Nicholson is amining him for Chettenham's Chempton or Stayers' Hurdle. Martin Pipe, successful with Her Honour in 1994, has booked his former stable jockey Richard Durwoody for Silver Stared. She finished 11 lengths behind Castle Sweep at Chettenham and is no better off, but she won either side of that. Philip Hobbe's hish acquisition Dr Leaust might pose a bigger threat. He has a 604-day absence to overcome, rawing last raced when besten more than two lengths by Rissair in the 1995 Triumph Hurdle only to be disqualified after being forced through the running rail approaching the soft. He is reported in good shape. Misses will be pushed to dely 11st 10b on his first appearance since April, but Jat Rulee looks certain to give a sound run. Trained by Jermy Preman, who took this list year with Jibber The Köbber, he best useful types in the Persian War Premer Novices' Hurdle over course and distance in Jenuary. He was hampered last time.

Selection: CASTLE SWEEP
2.15 RISING STARS NOVICE CHASE (CLASS A) (Grade 2) £20,000 2m 3f 110yds Pen Value £13,786
1 211453 BUCKHOUSE BOY (225) (The Baway Boys) N Treston-Davits 6 11 0
2 111- SEE MORE BUSINESS (\$44) (P K Barber & J A Keighter) P Nicholis 6 11 0
3 33/1124 WEE WHOY (302) W E Galo J Gifort 7 11 0 R Desembody
- 3 declared -
DETTAINS A 7 See Many Deplease C & Depleases Day C & Man Wheely

SETTEM: 4-7 See More Business, 9-4 Bunkhouse Boy, 5-1 Wee Windy
1995: Hill Of Tullow 6 11 0 A Magure 7-2 (D Micholon) 9 mm
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Only three go for this but all are promeing types making their fencing deburs. SEE MORE
BUSINESS looks the pick. He would have been unbestien in three-point-to-points the season before last except for topping over at the final fence at Chaddesley Corbent and he won his three reces over timber in 1995-96 - over course and distance, Wincarton and Sendown. He struck into himself on the gallops and missed the second half of the season but is now reported in good shape and has schooled well under Tony McCoy. Buckhouse Boy also

landed three hurdle races last term and ran well to be fifth behind Urubande in the Sun Al-

	2.50	REMEMBRANCE NATIONAL HUNT' NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 4f 110yds Penatty Value £3,233
1	08-	ARTURO (200) (Lady Learnton) T Forsier 5 10 12S Wysses
2		HURDANTE (190) (TJA Consultants Ltd) G Baiding 5 10 12
3	3'	KEDGE ANCHOR MAN (578) (A M Green) A Foster 5 10 12
4	05050F-	KING'S COURTIER (238) (TO J Side: & S M D Clien) S Mellor 7 10 12
5	64763	LOGICAL STEP (249) (A E Smith) D Gardollo 6 10 12
6	1.	MINELLA DERBY (206) (B C Xiby) P Notods 6 10 12
7	0-3	MR STRONG GALE (21) (Mis John Jackson) P Nicholls 5 10 12T Jenks
8	5.	STORMY PASSAGE (187) (Peter Luft) P Hobbs 6 10 12
9	0063-0	THE CHEESE BARON (28) (T D J Sider & S M D Object S Mellor 5 10 12 Chris Webb (5)
10	202406-	THE REVEREND BERT (232) (The Boile Cup) G Baking 8 10 12
11		
12	_0/6U-	QUEEN OF THE SUR (196) (R L Scotte) N R Mitchell 7 10 7 Y Stattery
13	120-	SUPPREME KELLYCARRA (299) (Mrs.S.M. Beoran Miss. H. Knight, 5.10 7
		- 13 decisred -

BETTING: 9-4 Missella Derby, 6-1 Logical Step, 8-1 Hundants, The Reverend Bert, 10-1 Stormy Pas-

1996; General Crack 6 11 D A P McCoy 8-1 (P Nicholis) 16 ran		I Crack 6 11 D A P McCoy 8-1 (P Nicholis) 16 ran	
	3	3.25	STAYERS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 3m Penalty Value £2,824
	1		COUNTRY BLUE (Hyra & Co List P Nichols 5 11 ()
	2		EVENTSDOTERNASHALL (14) (Dere. International) M Sheppard 7 11 () Mr J M Philobord B
	3	32/32-2	FLYING GURINER (9) (BF) (R Maryan Green) D Nicholson 5 11 0R Johnson
	4	0204-	JET BOYS (250) (The Jet Stationery Company Limited) Mrs J Pirman 6 11 ()
	5		LA CHANCE (A E Walton) Mrs H Walton 6 11 0
	6	0110	MENDIP PRINCE (302) (Three Ply Racing) P Hobbs 6 11 0R Downoody
	7	0000-00	JAIME'S JOY (21) (Born Ltd) Graeme Roe 6 10 9
	8	5PPF0-4	REINE DE LA CHASSE (37) (Neuer Ever Bet Pertnership) R O'Sullivan 4 10 8 A McCabe - 8 declared -

BETTING: 6-4 Hying Genner, 9-4 let Boys, 5-1 Country Stat., 7-1 Manufip Prince, 20-1 Eventsin anchon), La Chance, 25-1 others 1995: Pleasure Shared 7 11 0 P Carberry 11-1 (P Hobbs) 16 ran

3.55 NIMBL 110yd	E HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £4,000 added 2m 3 Penalty Value £2,785	
1 1011- POTENTAL	E (USA) (215) (CD) Ulim Weeden; M Pipe 5 12 0	
2 121R60- MONGCAS	MAIN (189) (D) (Ambrose Tumbus) A Javes 6 11 13W Menston	
3 13/3404 <b>MOMENT</b>	OF GLORY (297) (D) (Mrs David Moorn D Gardolfo 5 11 11 R Durawoody B	
4 636501- PHAR FRO	HE FUNKY (203) (D) (Mrs E A Haycock) G Balting 5 11 2 B Fonton	
5 3/1- NOTHING	ODOWTHRE (368) (D) (Capt Miles Gosling) T Forster 6 10 3	
6 0613-80 SAN DEC	O CHARGER (7) (D) (in The Pink Pshori A Barros 5 10 0	
	= 6 declared =	
Minimum weight: 10st. True handcap weight: San Diego Charger 9st 7fb.		

HYPERION 3.10 Coome Hill 3.45 Eskimo Nei 1.05 Charlie Parrot 4.15 Lady Rebecca 2.05 Tearful Prince 2.35 Gysart

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in places).

Right-hand, galloping course, Russin of 200yd.

Course is NE of town on B3081. Templecombe station (service from London, Water-loo) (in. ADMISSION: Members 514 (Juniors, 17 to 22 years, 56.50); Tattersalls 59; Course (and cars to course) 54. (Under-16s free into all enclosures). CAR PARK: Free.

■ LEADING TRAINSES WITH RUNNERS: M Pipe — 34 winners from 124 runners gives a success ratio of 27.4%, and a profit to a \$1 level stake of +516.76; P Nichells — 18 winners, 109 runners, 18.5%, \$28.78; P Hobbs — 17 winners, 107 runners, 18.5%, \$4.28.78; P Hobbs — 17 winners, 107 runners, 18.5%, \$4.28.2; J Plinnens — 16 winners, 63 runners, 25.4%, +548.28.
■ LEADING 30CREYS: R Donwoody — 29 winners, 124 rides, 23.4%, +538.57; J Obborne — 14 winners, 63 rides, 22.5%, +58.78; A P McCoy — 11 winners, 66 rides, 16.7%, \$25.34; G Bradley — 8 winners, 34 rides, 21.0%, \$29.23.

RUNNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS, None.
LONG-DETAINCE SUNNERS: Dreams End (3.46) has been sent 145 miles by P Bowen from Havenfordwen, Dyfect Endeavour (4.15) & Stornshill Plügrim (2.05) sent 143 miles by M J Roberts from Bode Street Green, £25 Susset.

1.05 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICE HURDLE (QUALIFER) (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,600 E) £3,000 added 2m Penalty Value £2,600

1 040-12 MAZZER (129 ID) (Actrois Coper) R Rose 5 11 10 ... htr P Crisete (7)

2 54 ADMENI RENT (220) (As 6 in North-Asteros) N Secree 5 11 0 ... JR Kennangh

3 4634-2 CHARLE PARROT (21) (As Assen C Februry M Pps 6 11 0 ... J Ophorne

4 1216 NEAT (280) Food Botters (ad) D Bestot 5 11 0 ... J N McCarthy

5 PARABOURT LENDER (Loc Aster) D Maste 4 11 0 ... J A McCarthy

6 1 SUPER THREE (120) Robert & Blegbeth Historis May J Pernan 4 11 0 ... R Remark

7 0 GALE SPRING (252) (Fieldpring Reong R Hodges 4 10 9 ... T Descembe (3)

8 WEST BAY BREEZE (Samweys Fair Merchants & Transporters) R Bucker 4 10 9 ... B Powell

8 BETTING: 7-4 Charle Parrot, 3-1 Mazzlei, 4-1 Next Feat, Sever Toyne, 6-1 Admiral Bruny, 16-1 West

Bay Breeze, 20-1 others

9	1995: Gunde 5 10 9 C Maude 7-1 (N Twiston-Devies) 8 ran		
4	25	SILVER BUCK HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £6,000 adde 2m 5f Penalty Value £4,328	t
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3	POP-853	COMEDY RUNS (CERECH CLS) (b) (BF) (Dr B Accorden R Rove 10 10 12 D O'Salbas BASS MARGOLD (708) (D) (S J Normen) R Hodges 7 10 12 T Descende (S)	Ē
•	A)ITV	MASS MARGOLD (709) 63 PERSON NETUGE 7 10 11 BENESON (250) (No. 2 E B Gardner) R Bucker 7 10 11 Beneson 2 10 10 Beneson 2 10 Be	í
2:	22334	MODERS DE 1954 DE COMPTE RECORD GENERAL SE 10 1	¢
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BETTRIC: 3-1 Herbert Buchanna, 7-1 Black Church, Lake Of Longforta, 8-1 Dehellow Lodge, Comedy Road, Montes Jay, 10-1 Macoum Exprises, 12-1 others

19	95: Com D	Estruiel 5 10 6 B Clifford 5-1 (G Belding) 5 ran	
1	2.05	K J PIKE & SONS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E £5,000 added 3m 1f 110yds Peneity Value £3,834	
1		18(1915) (15A) (17) (C E Grover) R Buckler 9 11 10B Powell	
2	42/2P1	TIGER CLAW (USA) (12) (Unity Farm Holdey Centre (ad) A Holdes 10 11 100 Burrows (7)	
3	603332-	GOD SPEED YOU (166) (Nation) C Moriock 7 11 9 R Kurenseth B	
4	0P/U/04-	THE BRUD (200) (Mrs. Jean R Bishop) O Shervood 8 11 7	
5	045530	CEREDIVEN (231) DAts S Greathead T Greathead 6 11 1 P Holley	
6	62041-0	TEARFUL PRINCE (12) (C W Mornell C Methol 12 11 1	
7	042244	OLER MINORI (17) (P R Roctord) P Roctord 6 10 13	
8	PUP-3	STURMENLE PLERM (14) (ME) Roberts M Roberts 7 10 11	
9	5556P-U	CARDONAL RISE (14) Peter / Surch Mas V Williams 7 10 11	
10		TIS GENOED (14) (Auto & West Record Cub Lat) 1 M Bradley 7 10 10T ) Washing	
11		CALL ME RIVER (26) (The Larkin Around Partnership) P Hedger 8 10 5	
12		MARKET GOSSIF (596) (R J Toy) R Ainer 6 10 4P Healey (3)	
13		RAGGED KINGDOM (206) (Als R Snow & Mrs. D Oddle) C Egerton 7 10 1 A McCartley	
14		VARISCK II (FR) (10) Stans: Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 9 10 1	
		- 14 decisred -	
	BETTING: 7-2 Market Gossle, 9-2 God Speed You, 5-1 The Brad, 6-1 its Grand, 10-1 Tiger Clew, 12-		
4 14	~~		

1985: no corresponding race				
1	5333-21	LANSDOMME (15) 800 (R F Denmead) P Nichols 8 12 0 O Burrows (7)		
2	20213-3	SPARKLING YASHEN (35) (Victor & Pairrer) P Hobbs 4 11 9		
3	273	BILDEY (344) (Nicholes Cooper) R Rose 6 11 3		
Ã.	001111-	SYSART (186) (CD) (The Hon Mrs R Cobbots) M Pipe 7 11.3		
5	3P10-03	REAGANESQUE (USA) (21) (Mrs. John Speiman) P Murphy 4 10 12		
ĕ		RELASSIFET HEBRO (340 (CD) (NASS H J Flower) Mrs. S Williams 8 10 11		
7		JADIDH (3) (CD) (Don Hezzard) A Barron 8 10 11		
è		PRONCE TEETON (374) (CD) (R P & S H Richards) R Buckler 7 10 9		
_		= 8 declared -		
BETTONS: 2-1 Laurebourne, 7-2 Eulerty, 9-2 Specialize Yasmin, 5-1 Greant, 6-1 Blocket Hero, 10-1 Ja-				

3.10 BADGER BEER HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS B) £20,000 3m 1f 110yds Penalty Value £13,888		
.1 2324-12 ELEMOT (24) (Devris Yardy) K Bailey 8 11 12		
2 4421-22 STRANSHT TALK (7) (CD) (BF) (Mrs C   A Paterson) P Nichola 9 11 10Mr J Tecard (7)		
3 00/3330- GARRISON SAMANNAH (273) (CD) (Autolour Engineering Mrs J Priman 13 11 7 R Farrast,		
4 1/12-1 CDOME HILL (11) (CD) (Mr. JE Dennis W Dennis 7 11 7		
5 446340- WELL BREEFED (241) (Pater tones) R Buokler 9 10 13		
6 313343- RUN UP THE FLIG (242) (CD) (Pel Mel Partness)   Gristo 9 10 13		
7 15255-5 TUB OF PEACE (10) (CD) OP Retractions G Balance 9 10 4		
8 F322-13 BIG BEN DUN (8) (BF) (Unionals Boodstanck) C Brooks 10 10 3		
9 1101-11 SANTLEE (17) (CD) (White Lon Partnersho) P Hobbs 7 10 1		
- 9 declared -		
BETTENS: 5-2 Counte MEL, 9-2 Straight Tells, 4-1 Samice, 7-1 Big Ben Dun, 8-1 Glemot, Tag Of Peace,		
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95. Run Up The First, 184. Gardson Serament, Well Briefed
15 00. SOPHERS DREAM (217) IN Extens J M Bradley 5 11.4...
1895: Tog O' Peace 8 10 11 B Citinot 16-1 (6 Sching) 6 nor.
16 STELLAR FORCE (Ms.R.) Felden (0 Shewood 5 11.4...
17 Exploy defeat for COOME MELL in nine outlings — five point-to-points, three hunter chases and an amateurs' hendicap at Chetenham 11 days ago. He has done nothing but improve aims is well worth his place in this stronger line-up with professorial handling for the first time.

Stratight Talk should take this field along at a good clip. He just missed out to Big Beer Dua.

(5lb worse in but with blinkers on) after employing such factics of Rempton and again had to play second liddle to Go Ballistic of Ascor lost week. The handicapper may have his measure at present. Samilee returns to chasing after two wins over hurdles. He is on the same mark as when he won a novice chase at Uttoutier over Easter and is fighting fit. The consistent Gespot may find his stamma stretched by the likely pace over this linp, with Rain Up The Flag a better prospect.

3	3.45	TANGLEFOOT ELITE HURDLE (CLASS A) (Grade 2) £20,000 added 2m Penalty Value £12,860	
1	512013/	ARABIAN BOLD (556) (CD) (A C W Pros) R Justes B 10 12P Holley	
2	20232-6	DREAMS END (100) (DA IT G Prost) P Bower 8 10 12	
3	F04113-	GROUND NUT (203) (CD) (Mis R L Haskins) R Bucker 6 10 12	
4		HARD TO FIGURE (1 W Nursel) R Houses 10 10 12T Descombe	
5	421-221	SPACE TRUCKER (44) (D) (Mrs E Quezly) Mrs J Hamngton (in) 5 10 12 J Oaborne	
6	FOULC-F	HOPS AND POPS (21) (D) (The Happy Band) R AVIET 9 10 11	
7	112670-	ESKENO NEL (245) (D) (First Chance Record J Spearing 5 10 7Rechard Guest	
В	42240-1	MISTINGUETT (15) (D) (J Dugsen) N Turston-Daves 4 10 7	
_		- 8 declared -	
æ	SETTEMS: 7-4 Mistinguett, 7-2 Hops And Pops, 4-1 Spigno Nel, 6-1 Dreams End, 7-1 Space Track-		
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1995: Apouts 7 11 2 P Holley 4-7 (D Elsworth) 3 ran

et, 8-1 amount war, 12-2 amount 1995; About 2 amount 1995; About 7 11 2 P Holley 4-7 (b Essorth 3 an FORM CUIDE.

There is never any hanging around when Hops And Pops is in the race and a strong pace will suit the trish challenger SPACE WillChER, who gets two miles on the Fist. A 7th pust helped Space Trucker reverse Galway Hurdle form with Mystical Chy at Listowel last time and he is developing into a useful hurdler. Dreams End was seven lengths behand in the Galway Hurdle and is helped by a 7th pull. He has been running well on the Fist and has to be respected ofter his strong frushing louth over a weefully madequate mile at Nermantert last Saturdly. Estimon Net had a nec pipe-opier on the Fist 11 days ago, her his buting hadly. She was a progressive mare over hurdles last season and just missed out on a nour-timer when beaten a short need by Chief's Song at Sandown last December. That recent Fist run will have set her up rucely for this and she looks the one to beat at the weights. Wistingswith represents the best of last season's puerdes, houng been awarded second behind Paddy's Return in the Triumph Hurdle after Magical Lady was ousted for interference. Whether fistiered by her detest of Paddy's Return at Newbury on her return, the is capable of going close against the older brigatio.

41	티	WEATHERBYS 'STAR'S OF TOMORROW' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT
	<u> </u>	WEATHERBYS 'STARS OF TOMORROW' OPEN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (CLASS H) £1,550 2m Penalty Value £1,459
1	1.	DANCETELYOUDROP (181) (Derek Millert) P Kierrolle 5 11 11L Custonies (7)
2	2-1	LADY REDECCA (20) (virzestey Oppmess) Mex. V Williams 4 11 6
3		BAVARDIER (Ars C 9 3/2/2019 C Balding 5 11 4
4		SEWELDERED (P Turn) R Foxs 4 11 4
5		BORODINO (Mr. Princia Cooper) R Rome 4 11 4
6		DARK CHALLENGER (Lass Only Pertnessho) Mrs.) Priman 4 11 4 Lawrence (7)
7		ENDEAVOUR (FR) INVA: Roberts M Roberts 4 11 4
8	O-	FAIR HALE, (S18) (Mrs G A Roberts) R Frost 5 11 4
9		NYLAMO (NZ) NY K Liberi A Hooks 4 11 4
10		MESSED THE MATCH IT E Pocodo R Pocods 6 11 4
11		MO'S BOY (Covice Posts Racing) 5 Earle 5 11 4 S McNell
12	0-	MIGEL'S BOY (187) (D.M. Lioyd) D Lloyd 4 11 4
13		POT BLACK LIK (A Love) P Hobbs 5 11 4M Moran (7)
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# Adams to lead by example

The England defender talks to lan Ridley about his return to captaincy and sobriety

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(at Boris Paichadze stadium, Tbilisl; today, 12.0 GMT)

oday, on the 84th day of the rest of his life. Tony Adams returns to captain England against Georgia in a World Cup qualifying match in Tbilisi. This one should not be confused with the Adams with attitude, angry face contorted and arm seemingly ever aloft ap-pealing for offside: defender on the pitch, defensive off it.

The Tony Adams who spoke yesterday, with a new softness in his voice, of his gratitude at being restored to a sanity in his life, as well as the leadership of his country, was one reborn out of the humiliation that active alcoholism inflicts. In its place, we had a humility that recovery from the illness GEORGIA v

inspires. Now he just folds his hands up. Adams had always been able to cover up his drinking with consistent for Arsenal and England, solid times exposed

performances able, if someby the highest quality of striker at international level. Such was the fierce intensity

succeed at Euro 96 that he white-knuckled his way through May and June without a drink. After England's exit from the competition in the semi-

final, and with more knee surgery pending - seven pain-killing injections saw him through the tournament - he hit the bottle again. Six weeks later, his marriage also failing, he was in a despair that no footballing disappointment can match.

One morning in August, a new season in the offing, he woke up, took a look at the man in the mirror and despised the reflection. His team-mate Paul Merson had done it; now he knew he had to. A day at a time. he has not had a drink for those 84 days and the change in behaviour and attitude was there for all to see vesterday.

"I have been this person who has had this mask on for all these years," he said slowly and thoughtfully. I have had a good look at myself, warts and all, and I think I am changing in lots of ways."

His relief at being released from a personal prison worse than the real one in which he was banged up for a stretch for drink-driving five years ago was

Looking lean - "Well, I'm not drinking Guinness" - but not mean, he was polite and indul-gent, with a wit that surprised. When did he know he would be captain? "I had an idea when Glenn started calling me 'Skip'." he said. It was a far cry from the figure who took the intercom on the plane trip home from a successful raid on Auxerre with Arsenal and sarcastically thanked the press for winding up the team by writing them off.

He could also without being aggressive when something displeased him. 'It's becoming a trend, all this stuff, isn't it?"

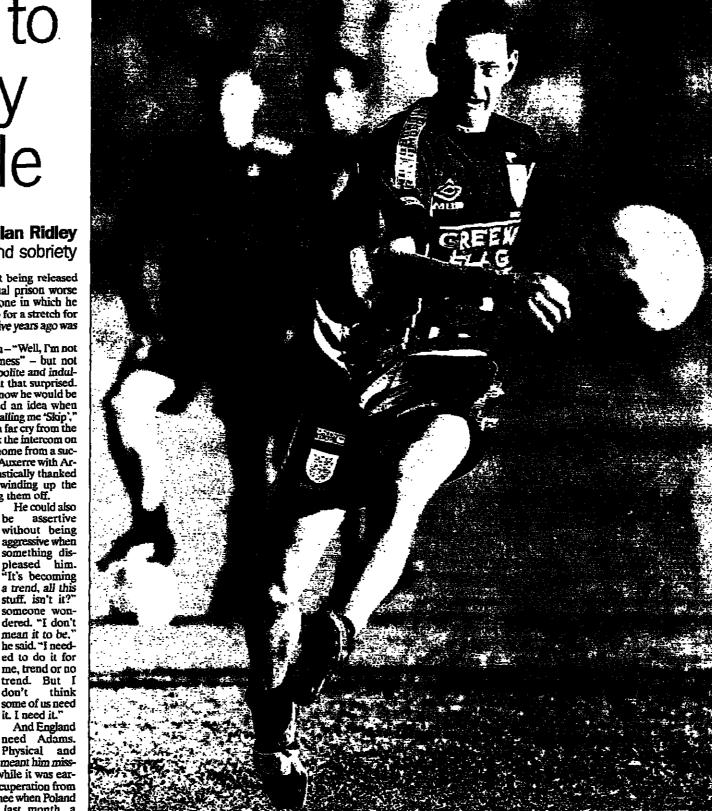
someone wonmean it to be, he said. "I needed to do it for me, trend or no trend. But I don't some of us need it. I need it." And England need Adams.

emotional pain meant him missing Moldova, while it was early days in his recuperation from the wounded knee when Poland came around last month, a game in which the defence looked alarmingly vulnerable at times. Since then, his form has been splendid as he seeks to graft more thought on to the de-pendability under the tutelage of Arsène Wenger, whose

coaching he is enjoying.

"Like any other human being, I like a bit of praise and recognition," Adams said. "I think I have been playing well." He wants, he added, to be judged as a captain and footballer, rather than any role model. "A player who goes out and tries his best, with a commitment to being the best footballer he can be, for people to say: 'He's got a few

qualities everyone can look at.' "I think any kids out there should look at the player. How many games he has played. how many times he has played for his country," he added. And although Adams does not like for me and for you.'



No longer kicking over the traces: Tony Adams gets down to training in Tbilis

to project, he does concede that a 50th cap, five games down the line, would thrill him.

"I think Glenn knows I have changed," he said, and elaborated neatly - it is, after all, ultimately impossible to divorce the person from the player. "In footballing terms, I have tried to lead by example. I'm doing it more for myself now. If I get myself performing to the best of what Tony Adams can do, then I am going to help everyone else.

"I said to the players at Arsenal: Look, you might not get the verbals or a kick up the backside like you used to, but have a look at me. I can assure you I will be giving 100 per cent, me," he said. "With George give it to Gazza or whoever." my best for the team. I am run- Graham for eight years I was ning and heading and kicking suppressed in the way I was playfor me and for you. suppressed in the way I was playing. He wanted a particular about things once or twice. But

"If I see someone not pulling their weight or not doing something, then I am only human. I will talk to them. But there are certain ways of putting things over. There is a thin line and you can go over the top a bit. I have seen certain players go over the line. If it's all verbal, it goes in one ear and out of another. If you are constructive with it, it works."

Although he always admired

George Graham - indeed, was the symbol of his management - the change at Arsenal has also been appropriate to him, with the central role in a three-man other team is going to attack

style of playing, a back four, and we all want to please our boss. Besides, he got success with it. "Going into a different system when he left. I have been able to express myself a bit more

and I think a few people have

been surprised that maybe I can play a bit. But I do think it is important in that position to be able to defend. Some people have talked about a Glenn Hoddle-type player in there, but sooner or later you have to head and kick the ball. At some stage, the

Ah, Gazza. Has Adams spo-

Photograph: Alisport

I'm not here to change anyone else. I am happy with myself." difficult with Paul Merson having withdrawn from the squad. But he has been talking to "the right people". At £7.50 a minute to telephone England, it is a costly business. "That's for the FA," he said with a smile.

Clearly, he did not get sober to get sombre, serious business as it all is. I ventured that I had written last week in a match report that when his brow was stitched and dressed against Wimbledon, it was the first defence mirroring what will be expected in Hoddle's England.
"It opened up new fields for ball out a little bit, but then I replied, langhing. By retaining the best of the old and harnessing the new, England could now see the very best of the new

# No way back for banned **McAllister**

reports from Glasgow

Scotland were last night forced to admit defeat in their attempt to persuade Fifa, the governing body of world football, that Gary McAllister should be allowed to lead them in tomorrow's World Cup qualifying match against Sweden at Ibrox.

Following a day of frenzied fax and phone activity between Glasgow and Zurich, in which the Scots challenged the valid-ity of McAllister's suspension for the game, the national manager, Craig Brown, said: "We made an appeal, or a request for clarification, but the decision was that Gary was ineligible."

The Scotland captain was due to sit out last month's ill-fated Group Four fixture in Estonia after incurring a one-game ban, and did not ap-

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pear for the three-second farce. When the Scottish FA that the Tallinn game had to be replayed, it also confirmed that McAllister's suspension now applied to the visit of the Swedes.

That seemed to be the end of the matter. But yesterday the SFA's media liaison officer, David Findlay revealed that its chief executive. Jim Farry. had put "perti-

tions" to Fifa about McAllister's principle play-maker, Brown position. These, he added, were making them think very seriously about the decision

Sufficiently seriously, it tranired, for Fifa to reconvene their disciplinary committee in emergency session by phone, only for

the original ruling to be upheld. The issue appears unlikely to go away, whatever the result of tomorrow's game. Scotland are understandably keen to hear an explanation as to why Lennart Johansson, a Swede, reportedly chaired the enquiry into the phantom fixture in Tallinn. Johansson is vice president of Fifa as well as president of Uefa, the ruling body for European football, and while the SFA is anxious not to be seen to be questioning his impartiality, it does not appear to have been the most judicious of ap-

The Scots have also learned that Johansson was interviewed on television at halftime during Sweden's home defeat by Austria, which was played later in the same day as the match in Estonia. He is said to have remarked that Scotland's game would clearly have to be replayed, which could be seen as pre-judging the affair before he could have known all the circumstances.

As the political intrigue rum bled on yesterday, Brown effectively had to prepare two teams. One included McAllister, the other, skippered by Colin Hendry, did not. "We've had to play without Gary four times in the past few years, Brown said. "We won three and drew one. He's a tremendously influential player, but we must condition the fans and the team that it's not a disaster to

(at librox Stadium, Glasgow; the fear that Scotland were turning the fixture into a grudge match to disabuse him Gothenburg and Nortkop-92. and anticigame of ractical

picks from "a clutch of young alternatives"

> The game, only the eighth Scotland have played at home in Brown's 28-match reign, is close to a 50,000 sell-out. The Scots would have gone into action as leaders had they been awarded the 3-0 walkover they were led to believe was theirs after Estonia's no-show. Should they win, no Fifa edict can pre-

vent their going top. SCOTLAND (Probable; 3-5

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# **Duberry** hits late winner

IAN GORDON

reports from Batumi Georgia Under-21 England Under-21

Michael Duberry snatched a late winner as England's Under-21 side successfully came through a fraught journey to one of the most remote outposts of European football yesterday. The Chelsea defender pro-

duced an 81st-minute winner to send England back to the top of their European Under-21 Championship qualifying group. However, Peter Taylor's side were put through one of the worst journeys of their lives on an aircraft that would have not passed any stringent European safety guidelines. Petrol fumes filled the cabin.

seat-belts were missing and many of the seats were broken for the 30-minute journey to the port of Batumi on the Caspian Sea, about 200 miles east of the capital. Thilisi.

England's opponents were also on the flight but, for long periods, they showed no ill-effects as they dominated the game. But Duberry punished them for their poor finishing when he struck near the end. The stand-in captain, Nicky Butt. found Ipswich's James Scowcroft, who played the ball back for Duberry to hammer home into the bottom corner. NUMIC INTO THE POLITOR COUTIES.

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TREVOR HAYLETT

He was not even considered good enough for the squad last time, but five weeks on, Vinnie Jones has reclaimed his place with Wales and furthermore, returns to the side as captain. England go into this World Cup weekend with a recovering alcoholic as team leader, so why not a footballing warrior who has been dismissed 12 times in a chequered career?

desperate measures and at least Jones will ensure that Wales commitment will be total in Eindhoven tonight when they attempt to revitalise their qualifying campaign by prising a

Jason McAteer, the Liverpool

midfield player, has been forced

to go to court to clear himself

to play for the Republic of Ire-land in tomorrow's World Cup

qualifying match against Iceland at Lansdowne Road.

appearance at Ballybay Dis-

trict Court in Co Monaghan yes-

terday to seek Irish citizenship.

sess an Irish passport, and the

Irish Football Association chief

executive, Bernard O'Byrne,

said: "Under new Fifa laws, we

must present Irish passports to

the official observer before each

match. This matter was only

brought to our notice before the

recent game with Macedonia, so

players did not carry Irish pass-

ports but we will present 18 Irish

passports to the observer before

the game. There is absolutely no

question that Jason does not

qualify to play for us.

"In the past, two or three

we've been sorting it out.

The 25-year-old did not pos-

McAteer made a two-minute

which crushed them in Cardiff last month. Jones owes his promotion to

a vote among those surviving players Bobby Gould has taken to the Netherlands following a debilitating series of with-drawals. "We had a democratic vote and the players chose Vinnic," Gould said. "They knew who they wanted to lead them. The manager admits that in

some quarters the decision will Desperate situations call for be seen as a "bad day for football", although in Jones' defence, he cannot be accused of beating up anyone, at least not off the field. "I've always said Vinnie was

underrated, but we'll have to and leader."

**Passport problem for McAteer** 

John Aldridge and Tony Cas-carino have also had similar

passport problems sorted out in

lic manager, has vet to decide

whether Roy Keane's comeback

will be in central defence or his

normal Manchester United

midfield role. Keane has been

playing in defence in practice

matches and McCarthy said: "I

wanted to see how Roy fitted

into the position as I already

know his qualities in midfield."

Bolton's Gudni Bergsson.

who had been hoping to set a

new Icelandic record with 72

caps, has been ruled out, and

Iceland are also without Bjar-

ki and Arnar Gunnlaugsson.

twin brothers who have been

regulars. The only English-

Stoke's Larus Sigurdsson, al-

though the former Sheffield

Wednesday and Arsenal mid-

fielder Siggi Jonsson is also in

the 18-man squad.

based player in the team is

e past month. Mick McCarthy, the Repub-

point or more from a Dutch side make sure his enthusiasm does not bubble out before he gets on to the pitch," Gould said.
It is Jones' sixth cap and an-

Jones made Wales captain by popular demand

other important career milestone for a player who seemingly has always been fighting a battle to prove himself against those who say he not only lacks the talent to play at the highest level, but that his machismo tendencies do the

game a disservice.
"I have not been so emotional for a long time," said Jones, who owes his qualification to a Welsh grandfather and who bears a dragon tattooed on his chest. "That's how it makes you feel when your fellow professionals vote you their captain

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Leaving aside the captaincy. it is not easy to justify Jones' in-Gould's contention that Wales suffered in Cardiff because of a propensity to lose possession.

We can't allow them to have as much of the ball as they had last time because they use it so well. It's backs to the wall stuff, but if we dig in and show char-This time Dennis Bergkamp, acter, then we can get a result." The rest of the side will not be disclosed until just before

kick-off. Apart from the regular captain, Barry Horne, Gould is deprived of Ryan Giggs, Chris Coleman and Nathan Blake. Mark Hughes is suspended and Ian Rush would appear to have been consigned to the history books.

A month ago, the Dutch were similarly compromised by clusion when set alongside a lengthy absence list, although the calibre of their replacements meant they were able to win comfortably in the end after Wales, through the bril-liance of Neville Southall, had defended Dean Saunders' ear-

> Marc Overmars and Michael Reiziger are all available for selection, while Pierre Van Hooijdonk, the Celtic striker whose substitution and subsequent pair of goals swung the game, is expected to overcome a calf strain. The class gap glaringly obvious at the Arms Park might

come to look relatively narrow by nine o'clock this evening.

### NETHERLANDS v WALES (at Philips stadium, Eindhoven: today, 7.0 GMT) Group Seven

# Irish to play the German way

Bryan Hamilton plans to copy the main ingredient of German success in an attempt to put Northern Ireland's qualifying challenge back on track in Nuremberg today. Hamilton openly admits his

admiration for the European champions, who will be refureing to home soil for the first time since their Euro 96 triumph.

"Despite their great individ-uals, the emphasis is always on team work and togetherness. Thar's something I have tried hard to instill into my players," said Hamilton, who knows that a defeat will kill any hope of qualification following a 1-0 home loss to Ukraine and a 1-1 draw with Armenia.

The Irish go into the game with a remarkable record of not having lost in any of their last four meetings with the Germans, and two victories at the qualifying stage of the 1984 European Championship installed them as the only team to have

ever recorded such a double over a nation always at the top of the international ladder. "I hope our recent good record plays on their minds," said Hamilton, whose side forced a 1-1 draw against Vogts' men in

a pre-Euro 96 friendly in Belfast. Hamilton is withholding his team selection, but Nigel Worthington is expected to replace the unwell Keith Rowland at left back, while the Leicester defender Colin Hill could be given a midfield role. That would mean the captain, Iain Dowie. ploughing a lone furrow up front, with Keith Gillespie and Michael Hughes given orders to support quickly on the counterattack.

Germany are beset by injury problems, with Christian Ziege, Matthias Sammer, Mehmet Scholl, Mario Basler, Thomas Helmer and Steffen Freund all ruled out. The midfielder Dieter Eilts is also struggling with a knee problem.

N IRELAND := (at Frankenstadion, Nuremberg: today, 4.30 GMT)

# **Portugal** in need

Portugal go into today's World Cup qualifier against Ukraine knowing that anything but a win could jeopardise their chances of reaching the 1998 finals in France. "We must win or things are going to get very compli-cated," their coach, Artur Jorge,

After impressing in Euro 96 last summer, the talented but inconsistent Portuguese have just one victory in three games in their campaign to reach the fi-nals for only the third time. With Germany also in Group N. the Portuguese need maximum points against the Ukrainians ter losing 2-1 in Kiev last month. Ukraine, who head the group

with a maximum six points from two games, will be boosted by the return of midfielder Hennady Orbu, whose Russian club Rotor Volgograd had refused to release him for the home game.
"It is going to be difficult. From now on, there are no easy games but we are optimistic and convinced that we can put on a

good display," Jorge said.

Like Ukraine, Yugoslavia also have a 100 per-cent record. They face the Czech Republic in Belgrade's Red Star stadium tomorrow looking to make it four wins out of four in Group Six. They have scored 17 goals and conceded just two, but will be without the injured Milan playmaker. Dejan Savicevic, tomorrow.

The Norwegian coach, Bail Olsen, has opted for a 4-5-mation against Switzerlan Berne today, which means that Manchester United's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer and Southampton's Egil Ostenstadt are competing for one place in attack - along with the three other strikers in the squad.

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# Money said his side's victory was down to the lucky socks Clyde loaned them because theirs clashed with St Johnstone's

As cups go, the Scottish League Rodgers, was another who had had delight or despair to a crowd reglamorous. But it is better than nothing, which was the contents of Strangaer's non-existent trophy room before last Sunday, when they beat St Johnstone to win the first cup in their 126-year history.

And if someone, somewhere, used that most enduring of football used that most enduring of football But not as sick as Danny Griffin, cliches and predicted that "they'd be a promising Northern Ireland indancing in the street of Stramaer"... well, they were right. The players celchrated with a huge ceilidh which will probably never be bettered in the tiny seaside town. Their manager, Camp-bell Money, tongue firmly in cheek, admitted: "Aye, there was a highland party. I was in the town, it was quite an experience" - which was quite an Understatement

his tongue firmly in his cheek when he had promised before the final that he would have a trophy room built at Stair Park if Strangaer won the Cup. "Now he'll have that to pay for, as well as the win bonuses," said the captain, Tony Gallagher. "He'll

ternational. Griffin must have been as unwell as the proverbial parrot and probably wished he had not turned down Derby's £1m offer during the summer (his girlfriend apparently didn't fancy going south)

because it was his own goal that won the cup for part-timers Stranraer in the 26th minute.

One of the most unique aspects The club chairman, Graham of sport is its ability to bring as unch crowd was the only disappointing

gardless of its size. So the fans who did their best to fill Clyde's new 8,700 all-seated Broadwood Stadium will clearly as the Foster's Melbourne Cup will linger in the memories of the 90,149 who turned out two days later for one of the biggest days in

Coincidentally, the race was won by the Australian-trained horse, Saintly, who wiped the grass with the 4-1 favourite Oscar Schindler and the rest of the European challengers; while at Broadwood the Saints, in the shape of the First Division favourites St Johnstone, lost by a nose (or an outstretched leg). As far as Strantaer were conOlivia Blair



ON SATURDAY

aspect of the day. A meagre crowd of 5,522 hardly merited the platform of Hampden Park.

A former St Mirren goalkeeper. Money (which is something Stranclub has ever received for a player was £30,000, the most they have ever shelled out just half that figure) joked after the game that his side s victory was down to the lucky socks Clyde loaned them because their own blue ones clashed with St

"They did us a good turn," Mon-ey said, "and we'll be keeping the socks." But it is not the first time Lady Luck has played a key role in the Challenge Cup final, nor is it the first time an underdog has won the day.

Last season Stenhousemuir (past masters at upsetting Cup applecarts

they had previously dumped Aberdeen out of the Scottish Cup) beat Dundee United 5-4 on penalties to win a trophy for the first time in their 111-year history. They put the vic-

tory down to their keeper's vision, or lack of it. Roddy McKenzie dived to his left and saved Craig Brewster's crucial penalty - because he thought it was Owen Coyle taking the kick, and he had been told

to dive left if Coyle took one. Money is hoping the victory will put a club which is "miles from anywhere on the map. Stranraer's main claim to fame is as the gateway to Northern Ireland: on any match day you're likely to find the town seething with Celtic and Rangers fans, bleary-eyed from a trip over on the ferry from supporters' clubs in Ulster. Strangaer fans are harder to come by. Last season's average home crowd was just 624, well down on the average of 1,541 in 1994-95 - just over five per cent

original (the Blues) but it does reflect the maritime connection, as does the current sponsor, Stena Line. Stranraer are actually the third oldest club in Scotland, but were not admitted to the Scottish League until 1955, since when the supporters have had precious little to cheer about. Alex McAnespie led them to the Second Division title in 1993-94, a glorious season com-memorated in a labour of love by Charles Rigg: a book called "124 Years On". However, McAnespie's departure was anything but glorious; he was given his marching orders in the car park of Forthbank stadium after a defeat by Stirling Albion last March. Well, football does have a way of surprising you when - and where - you least expect it.

# Chelsea complete £4.5m Zola signing

Huddersfield's magnificent fightback

Football

RUPERT METCALF

Chelsea last night completed the £4.5m signing of Gianfranco Zola from the Serie A side Parma. The Italian international attacking midfielder will arrive in London next week, and the Stamford Bridge club have not denied reports that he has been offered wages of about £25,000 per week as part his three-anda-half-year deal.

It has transpired that Parma have been keen to unload Zola after he fell out with their coach, Carlo Ancelotti, and the Italian club will doubtless be very happy with such a fee for football's governing body, ruled a 30-year-old. The transfer was Celtic's claim invalid because

NATIONWIDE LEAGUE

Huddersfield Town came back

McAlpine Stadium last night.

through Chris Waddle after six

minutes and further goals by

John Dreyer and Robert Steiner

put the home side 3-0 down

four minutes later and on the verge of half-time Ian Lawson

Paul Daiton pulled one back

Huddersfield carried on

where they left off in the second

after 38 minutes.

ing director, but the first moves were made by Riccardo Sogliano, Parma's sporting director, when he flew to London earlier this week. It is believed he also spoke to Manchester United, Tottenham and Newcastle.

Celtic have lost their quest to earn a fee for the Scotland midfielder, John Collins, who moved to Monaco in the summer on a free transfer, after the expiry of his contract, thanks to the "Bosman" legislation. Celtic argued that they

should receive a fee for Collins, as Monaco is not a European Union state, but yesterday Fifa,

that ended the scoring. West Bromwich Albion will

completed in Italy by Colin Monaco are members of the Hutchinson, Chelsea's manag- French Football Federation. A Celtic spokesman said: "This is the second bad result for Scot-

land from Fifa in two days." However, Celtic have been allowed to appeal against fines imposed earlier this season for using unlicensed agents to secure the transfer of Alan Stubbs from Bolton. Celtic were fined £42,000 and Stubbs £28,000.

Stan Collymore will turn out

for Liverpool's reserves today against Sheffield Wednesday at Anfield, and thus avoid another heavy fine. He was penalised two week's wages for not showing up for a second-team game against Tranmere last Wednesday, but after talks with his agent he has decided not to cause further conflict with his

Rangers have decided not to appeal against a four-match European suspension given yes-terday to Paul Gascoigne for his red card in the last month's Champions' League match at Ajax. The England midfielder has already served one match of the ban. Rangers were also fined £2,500 for collecting three other yellow cards against Ajax.

The Professional Footballers' Association chief executive, Gordon Taylor, has denied reports that his union will be unable to help David Busst, the Coventry defender who has had to retire after suffering a broken leg at Manchester Unit-



lan Woosnam (left) and Ernie Els wait before teeing off for the third round of the Johnnie Walker Super Tour in Manila yesterday. Els leads by two strokes from Woosnam Photograph: Mike Cooper/Allsport

# **Ivanisevic** rushes to last four

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Goran Ivanisevic is not wasting any time in Moscow. On Thursday he was on court for 36 minutes in his win over Switzerland's Jakob Hlasek and yesterday the Croat took just 56 minutes to defeat Petr Korda of the Czech Republic 7-5, 6-0 and advance to the semifinals of the Kremlin Cup.

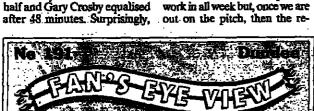
Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the tournament's home-town favourite and the top seed. defeated Byron Black of Zimbabwe 7-6, 6-2 and will now meet the Germany David Prinosil in today's semi-finals while Ivanisevic will play Alex O'Brien of the United States.

The Swiss teenager Martina Hingis stayed on course for a first meeting with Monica Seles in Sunday's final but said she was disappointed with her game as she reached the semi-finals of the Bank of the West Classie in Oakland, California. Hingis, the third seed, beat

Linda Wild 6-3, 6-2 in just 58 minutes, setting up a semi-final today against either the secondseeded American, Lindsay Davenport, or the fifth seed, Brenda Netherlands Hingis, 16 has defeated eight players in the top 10 this year.

"It was such a bad match," said Hingis, ranked seventh in the world. "It was not very interesting... I was angry and disappointed that I couldn't make the shots I wanted."

The Russian Elena Likhovtseva surprised the fourth seed. Mary Joe Fernandez, 6-3, 6-1. and the Romanian Irina Spirlea beat Paola Suarez, of Argentina,



It has become fashionable in cer- tish League in 1961-62. The legtain circles to adopt small chibs cadary Alan Gilzean scored 54 from afar, the more obscure the grain that season and the Dees better. We have seen Stenhousemuir supporters' clubs in Norway, and Cowdenbeath affiliations in the south of England. All very trendy, but hardly

hard-core devotion, particularly when the devotee is twice re-moved from his habitat. In this respect, the reality of many ears of fanatical support for a relatively small club can be much more painful, particularly if the said small club used to be large, and well respected. My affliction is for Dundee Football Club, from the smallest city in Europe to send two different dubt to European Cup semilimals, albeit 20 years apart.

Paradoxically, our local rivals Dunder United used to be no more than a pisprick on the football globe, but they have grown in parallel to the seemingly terminal decline of the Dark Blues. Yet this is no bigoted rivalry on the scale of Rangers/Celucid Hearts/Hibs: the Scotsman valled it, "rivalry without rancour - we're a special race us Dundonians.

I had a civilised upbringing. Every Saturday (excepting the visits of drunken horder from Rangers or Celtic) from the age of around five. I was lifted by. my father over the turnstiles at either Dens or Tannadice. This was in the late 1950s when Dundee were stylish aristocrats and United paupers. In the early 1950s, Dundee had paid a British record fee to bring Billy Steele from Derby

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iven what had gone on before, sponsibility lies with the players Lee Bradbury to continue his reand the manager down." Port Vale are to revert to the

attempt to improve the worst from a three-goal deficit to draw home record in the First Divi- 4-5-1 system which has brought bury, signed from non-league 3-3 with Bradford City in their sion against Port Vale today First. Division match at the with Richard Sneekes urging the recent away league wins at Wolves and Huddersfield, with Lee Mills expected to make way crowd to support the manager, The visitors took the lead Aian Buckley Supporters defor midfielder Stuart Talbot and manded his resignation after the Tony Naylor a lone striker. Steve Guppy is expected to have recovered from the back inlast home game, a goalless draw with Bradford City, which was fol-lowed by a 4-0 defeat at

jury suffered in the pre-match warm-up at the Manor Ground "The way the fans started calling for Buckley shead after while captain Neil Aspin has shaken off a knee problem. the Bradford game was out of order because he has done everything he can for Albion, Sneekes said. "He can put his

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The Albion-Vale game is one of only three today in the First Division, following the postponement of several fixtures due to international commitments. Portsmouth will be looking to

and we have let the supporters cent good form as they aim to complete a hat-trick of victories when they visit Oldham. Brad-Cowes at the start of last season. seven games.

Portsmouth are set to give a debut to David Hillier, signed from Arsenal, after he shook off a foot mjury suffered in a reserve match. He will replace Alan McLoughlin, on duty for the Republic of Ireland, while Fitzroy Simpson is serving a one-match ban.

The Tottenham defender Jason Cundy will try and patch up an injury-ravaged defence as he makes his debut on loan to Ipswich in their home match

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TOMORROW Nationwide Football League First Division Crystal Palace v QPR (1.0)

# Havant in a tight spot

BILL COLWILL

A busy weekend of league and cup hockey includes the top four Premier sides playing each other today, with second-placed Reading visiting Cannock and the leaders, Old Loughtonians, travelling to fourth-placed Southgate.

At the bottom, Havant, with no points, entertain Guildford, who last weekend came from behind to beat Reading 5-3.

Havant's Premiership survival could rest on the outcome of tomorrow's cup game, when Beeston visit Yeovil and Sherborne. If his side loses, the Yeovil captain, Rob Hill, the former Great Britain and Havant penalty corner specialist, could return to help his old club fight for survival.

Since Hill's successor, Callum Giles, left for the Dutch club HGM at the beginning of the season. Havant have struggled. Hill's return could be crucial.

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Lee Ashcroft, West Bromwich's former Eng-land Under-21 international, has rejoined Prestor for £150,000. The 24-year-old, who recently returned to The Hawthoms after a spell on loan at Preston, joined Al-bion for £225,000 in 1993. lan McNeill, the former Wigan and Shrawsbury manager, has resigned as chief scout of Botton Wanderers. NATIONWINDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE Flature changer The 26 Nov. Sheffield Utd v Swin-don (from Sat 9 Nov.)

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SPORTING DIGEST pionships in Santa Rosa, Philippines. Jantee Moodie was Britain's best first-round scorer with a three-under-per 69.

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Rugby Union Federico Mendez, Bath's new hooker, is in Argentina's side to meet South Africa in the first of two Tests in Buenos Aires today. Mendez is due to weather again disrupted the

make his Bath debut on 2 December against Western Samoa. The venue for South West's game against South Africa A on 20 Novemagainst South Africa A on 20 November has been moved from Bath to Exeter because of a dispute between the RFU and Epruc. The match against Argentina will being played at Redruth on 24 November and Queensland at New-

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### Bett ready to gamble on **Americans**

Basketball

In a week when two more émigrés returned to the Budweiser League from Continental clubs. Mick Bett, the Thames Valley Tigers coach, is waiting for his full quota of five Americans to make an impact on the season,

writes Richard Taylor. After seven league defeats out of eight, and a "crisis meeting" this week between Bett, the players and the owner John Nike. Tigers produced one of their most combative performances of the season on Thursday, a 92-89 defeat against league leaders, London Leopards.

"A lot was said at the meeting but it's only on court we can turn things around." Bett said. "We're a losing team and some of the players have not been taking the situation scriously enough.

Tigers are at home to Crystal Palace in the 7-Up trophy

The England internationals. Carl Miller and Kurt Samuels. who joined Portuguese and Italians clubs in the summer, face each other tonight for their new teams. Samuels plays for Birmingham Bullets against Miller's visiting Newcastle Eagles.

Ken Jones on tonight's WBA heavyweight title fight, page 26

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Darren Gough talks to lan Stafford

# Adams leads the search for a psychological edge

IAN RIDLEY reports from Tbilisi

Glenn Hoddle, it seemed, was sending more messages yesterday than poor civil wardamaged Tbilisi's hard-pressed communications system could cope with, as all struggled to phone home, on the eve of England's World Cup qualifying match against Georgia.

In choosing Tony Adams as his captain, Hoddle has sought to bridge the gap between Euphoria '96 and the rather more dour business of qualifying for the World Cup in France '98. He also believes that it illustrates a wider point of change for the better. In addition, he sees the real goal of victory as giving England

boot, takes over from the injured Alan Shearer as team for his form in his club's ascent to the top of the Premiershin. but also his altered attitude as he enters the third month of his recovery from alcoholism.

The main thing has been his form after his knee operation," Hoddle said. "He has probably come back leaner after his injury than he has ever looked in the last three or four years. That's probably significant in the fact that he is addressing his other problem. To me, he has looked sharper and has played consistently well this season.

"And the fact that he is trying to put things right, that might be a good example not just for the players, but for everyone," Hoddle added. "I

Adams, a veteran of hostile think that's the point we are try-foreign fields with Arsenal to ing to make this week. He's a super example in many ways of how people can turn their lives leader and is rewarded not just around and he's getting his just reward for it."

Adams and David Seaman in goal are probably the only certain selections. Last night Hoddie wanted to check on ankle iniuries to Gareth Southgate and Stuart Pearce at training in the Boris Paichaidze stadium, and the state of the pitch, as well as talking to Paul Gascoigne one last time before deciding on his line-up. "It will be a football discussion," he insisted of the Gazza summit

The coach did reveal that he would be retaining the 3-5-2 shape of the team, with the composition of the midfield crucial. He is concerned about that



a liability defensively against Poland last month - does play. Hoddle is likely to install an the flair players

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the back we could see three more recognisable central defenders, rather than full-backs.

Besides Georgi Kinkladze, the AEK Athens player Temur Ketsbaia is also a ball-carrying worry who will need to be countered. "The vital period for us is the first 25 minutes," Hoddle said. "We have to make sure they don't get on top, because if they do, they have players who can respond.

Hoddle played for England in a 1-0 win against the Soviet Union here 10 years ago but expects this to be a different atmosphere. "There will be more passion," he said. "At that time they were under the USSR and really wanted to be a Republic. England played well on the day and the crowd turned against their team and

that will happen tomorrow

The Georgians are clearly a talented collection of individuals, for whom consistency is the problem. "I have seen them lose 0-5 and win 5-0," Hoddle said. They are a side with individuals who respond to good support and we have to make sure we don't give anything away early

Should England retain pos-session sufficiently to quell the crowd, wresting control of the crucial midfield, they should then have enough defensive organisation and striking potential to eke out a victory. albeit narrow.

It would see England three points clear of Italy at the top of the group after wins over Moldova and Poland, with the home game against the Italians cheered us, which was an un-

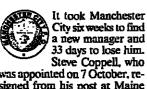
ary, when Shearer will remm as captain, if available, as Hoddle has promised him a three-game

"It wouldn't be a disaster ? we drew, but we will be trying to win this game," Hoddle said "It is significant that the Ital ians don't play competitive this week and if we get the three points against Georgia then going into the Wembley game, it will be an edge to us

psychologically." Indeed, such a result, should there be telephone lines to send it out, would give a strong message in a group from which only one nation will qualify automatically. It might also be more of a filip temporarily for Adams and Co than any counsellor can provide.

Captain Adams, plus other World Cup news, page 28 con

# **Stress forces** Coppell to quit City job



was appointed on 7 October, resigned from his post at Maine Road vesterday, citing health reasons. The club, too, had a sickly pallor at the announcement. In a statement, the 41-yearold Coppell, who will be suc-

ceeded on a caretaker basis by his assistant, Phil Neal, revealed that stress had forced his hand. "I am not ashamed to admit I have suffered for some time from the huge pressure I have imposed on myself." he said. "Since my appointment, this has completely overwhelmed me to such an extent that I can't function in the job in the way I would like to.

"As the situation is affecting my well-being, I have asked Francis Lee [the club's chairman] to relieve me of my obligation to manage 14 Steve Wicks (Lincoln) the club on medical advice. I am therefore resigning solely for personal reasons.

Coppell, looking drawn and his voice cracking with emotion, said it had been the hardest decision he had ever made. "I am extremely embarrassed by the situation and I would like to apologise first and foremost to Francis Lee and his board, who did everything in their power to help me. Francis has been particularly understanding and I would like to thank him for that."

Coppell also apologised to the players and supporters, who

miership in May and who have ived with rumours of takeover bids the last six months. The successor will be the club's third manager this season after Alan Ball resigned in August, and

their ninth in the past 10 years. Lee said that Coppell revealed his problems at the beginning of the week and refused either to take a holiday to reconsider, or to be persuaded to change his mind. "I have spoken to him two or three times every day this week," Lee said.

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"He is better than he was on Monday or Tuesday, when he was a bit downcast, but he has insisted on going and has gone on holiday with a friend.

16 Jock Stein (Leeds)

"I had a similar problem myself a long time ago and I know how he feels. He'll be a relieved lad now he's got it off his mind. He'll be all right. It takes a strong character to sit there and read out a statement like that."

It was Coppell's honesty and strength of character that apmust wonder what further pealed to Lee in the first place

mishap can afflict a club who and it will be difficult, as past were relegated from the Pre-events have proved, to find a man of similar calibre. George Graham, who has since accepted a post at Leeds, and Dave Bassett turned down the job after Ball's departure, while Howard Kendall and Kenny Dalglish also rejected the position via the media even though, Lee insists,

they were never offered it. Coppell was City's third choice, but even his appointment had an element of gambling about it as the then Crystal Palace technical director had been away from management

for more than three years. His record in his six matches at Maine Road was two wins, a draw and three defeats, which leaves the club in 17th place in the First Division.

Neal, a former manager with Bolton, Coventry and Cardiff, was as stunned as the players at Coppell's departure. I spoke to Steve last Sunday and heard that be was not well," he said. "I thought he was just physically sick. I didn't realisé what was underneath it all. It wasn't once implied that this would be his final decision.

Neal revealed that two of 44 days 1978 the City players were literally bowled over by the news. Eddie McGoldrick and Paul Dickov fell to the ground in shock. None of the players had any idea about developments until Neal spoke to them after training.

Where Lee will turn next is anyone's guess. Supporters welcomed Coppell's appointment, despite his connections with Manchester United, for whom he played almost 400 times. Although his statement has to be taken at face value, there will be many wondering if there is a hidden agenda.



Francis Lee (right), the Manchester City chairman, looks on as Steve Coppell announces his resignation as manager yesterday Photograph: New Team

promised for transfers not forthcoming? Although Coppell has made it clear his decision was purely personal, it will not make it any easier to fill a position that was not too good to refuse even before this latest setback. Asa Hartford, the assistant given charge of the first team when Ball

left, said he did not want the job. Neal now faces the challenge that proved too much for Coppell, whose throwaway comment after his first home

Was Lee interfering or was money match carries more significant now. "They call Manchester Madchester," he said, "and now I know why."

For a proud, intelligent man who said the chance to manage City had left him "excited and delighted", it was a sad day. But as Lee himself pointed out yesterday: "There have been too many sad days" at Maine Road.

Coppell's resignation had Howard Wilkinson, the League Managers' Association chairman, calling on football's for the job is good."

governing bodies to ease the pressure under which managers now operate.

Wilkinson, himself a manager for 15 years before being sacked Leeds in September, said: "There is no doubt the game has changed dramatically in the last 10 years in terms of the manager's role or the manager's perceived role. Ill health is not a new thing in management, but it is an increasing one and it's not enough to say that the pay

nal and Coventry manager and ex-England coach, sympathised with Coppell's plight.

"Steve doesn't make these Zola signing finalised, page 29

Don Howe, the former Arse- decisions lightly. But there's something about Steve Coppell. He won't go and hide away. That's the last thing he'll do.

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Cooked, glowing with heat in oven? On the contrary

French object (7) Insist on self-defence?

(5,2.4,4) 10 Attendant finally spots rubsh (5) 11 Clearly taking one in without a luss (9)
12 Ring-side seat for me! (5-

14 Display principled resistance (5)

Voices raised in arguments

16 Voices raised in arguments beside river (9) 18 An alliergy unfortunately affecting the voice-box (9) 21 Peculiarity I observed in Italian restaurant (5) 22 At une's peak age? (23.2.3.5) 23 Forcibly extract informa

tion about round prison (7) 24 Quickly charge, without

Dish with rice - it's mixed with roots (7) No actor, apparently, in Disnev feature? (8.7) Be encouraged and make plans for a transplant? (4.5)

Relative breaking rule about appearing initially Experience some nourish

ment as terrible (5) brought and arraigned? (5-Tried ornamenting sad

eyes (7)
Quiet period for opposing states separated by oceans (3-6) 14 Where suckers are parted from their lolly? Yes and

no (5-4) Stupid person runs every one over during failure (7) Saturday is this setter, we hear, he hopes to do this!

19 Move gingerly, being nearly naked, say, on rising (5) 20 Lecturer's attention occupied by overture from Haydn (a composer) (5)

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### drug ban is upheld Cricket immediately driven away by his agent, Gareth James, returning DEREK PRINGLE

Giddins 'hopeful' as

Ed Giddins, the Sussex and England A bowler banned for 19 months when traces of cocaine were found during a random drugs test last season, had his appeal quashed at Lord's yesterday. In probably their last meeting before next year's assimilation into the new England Cricket Board, the fourman Cricket Council, chaired by Judge Desmond Perrett QC. upheld the original decision made by the Test and County Cricket Board in August.

As no fresh evidence was offered - merely an appeal that the sentence was too severe - the decision came as little surprise. With a recent children's poll placing sportsmen and clergy not far behind parents in the list of who they look to for morality, even the presence of Michael Lawrence, the solicitor who managed to overturn the £2,000 fine levied on Ray Illingworth. failed to make any headway.

"It was an extremely fair meeting," Lawrence said. "Ed couldn't have wished for a better tribunal. It's a disappointing result but he'll just have to take it on the chin. In the long run though, I think his talent will

The meeting, which lasted just over two and a half hours, was obviously draining and upon its conclusion, Giddins was

an hour later to face questions

"I'm very upset. Even angry. Which is unusual for me," said Giddins, normally an unusually cheery cove for a fast bowler, albeit one with an alternative slant that did not always sit comfortably with the old pros in the Sussex dressing-room. When asked what he was going to do now, he quipped: "Go to the pub."

The decision leaves the 25year-old Giddins, unceremoniously dumped by Sussex, without any obvious means of support. "Cricket has been my life for a long time now," he said. "I'm not going to leave it. The reason I appealed is because I wanted to be playing first-class cricket next season. That, and all the supportive letters I've had from the public."

Responding to rumours that 10 counties were interested in signing him Giddins added: "There have been some good talks recently and I hope to be able to sign a contract next week." That may be wishful thinking now that his ban re-

mains in place until April 1998. His plans for the short term revolve around opening a shop in Parson's Green, selling Christmas trees in partnership with Surrey's Nadeem Shahid. Perhaps that, more than the ban, will make him realise the

folly of his ways.



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